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MEETINGS.

Masonic.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.—A Special Communication of W. B. WARREN LODGE No. 309, A., F. & A. M., will be held this (SATURDAY) evening at 7½ o'clock, at Oriental Hall, 128 Randolph-st., for the installation of officers. All members are urgently requested to be present.
By order of the W. M.
R. DUNLOP, Secretary.

Masonic.

I. O. O. F. S. of Y. There will be a regular meeting of Siloam Lodge, No. 56, at their hall, on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2 p. m. Important matters will come before the meeting, and a full attendance is requested.
JULIUS A. KATZ, Secretary.

Masonic.

Siloam Rock Lodge Hall, having been partially destroyed by fire, will be open by special invitation, for the first time, this (Saturday) evening, and till further notice, at the hall of Cushman Lodge, corner of Madison and Robey-sts. It is hoped that a full attendance will be present.
C. P. RANDALL, W. M.

Notice.

An adjourned annual meeting of the Cook County Land Agency will be held, according to adjournment, on the first day of March next, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the office of the Company, Room 20, 159 Dearborn-st., Chicago.
FRANKLIN H. WATRIS, Secretary.
Chicago, Feb. 11, 1873.

The Chicago Daily Tribune.

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WASHINGTON.

Further Details of the Credit Mobilier Investigations.

The Wilson Committee Looking Into the Central Pacific Railroad.

What C. P. Huntingdon Knows About the California Road.

The Sherman-Garfield Relations with the New York Stock Exchange.

Will Ames and Brooks Be Expelled from the House?

The President's Message on Mormon Difficulties.

Proceedings in Congress Yesterday.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—The Ways and Means Committee commenced its investigation to-day of the charges of bribery and corruption in connection with certain legislation obtained last winter by the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Clinton Colgate was the only witness examined. His testimony, together with his report, which he handed the Committee, covered the facts already stated in these despatches. Judge Chas. Sherman will be examined to-morrow. His story will be about as follows: Legrand W. Lockwood, who was President of the New York Stock Exchange, two years ago, wrote Judge Sherman, asking him to take charge of the job of having the tax on borrowed capital removed. Holding the position of United States Judge, Sherman could not undertake it, but he turned it over to his former law partner and brother-in-law, Judge Bartley, and also Richard Parsons, who was at the time Marshal of the United States Supreme Court. It appears, however, that neither Bartley nor Parsons wanted their names mentioned in connection with the office. Consequently, Sherman conducted the correspondence in his own name. He will admit having written the letter inclosing a bill to the Stock Exchange for $10,000, but the money was to be divided between Judge Bartley and Dick Parsons. Senator Sherman, to-day, caused an examination to be made of any arguments or briefs that might have been filed with the Committee on the subject. Nothing of the sort can be found, nor did any person appear before the Committee to advocate the amendment, except General Pleasonton, ex-Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The question now is, what did Judge Bartley and Dick Parsons do to earn their $10,000, and what did Colgate do to incur the large bill of expenses which he presented the New York Stock Exchange. With regard to the connection of the clerk of the Ways and Means Committee with the affair, it is proper to say that, notwithstanding the evidence of Colgate, the members of that Committee still believe in their clerk's integrity.

CREDIT MOBILIER.

The Wilson Committee made little progress in their labors to-day. C. P. Huntington, the Vice President of the Central Pacific, supposed to be the person having the greatest knowledge as to the himself, was the first witness to be examined; but whether, owing to the fact that the Committee did not put the right sort of questions to him, or whether he evaded them, is a question to be decided upon reading the testimony. At all events, nothing was obtained of any value to the investigation. William M. Evarts will present his views of the competency of the witness, but except an occasional suggestion he had nothing to say. The Committee seem determined to delay the investigation as long as possible, whether for the purpose of giving the Poland Committee the first opportunity to report, or to enable additional witnesses to arrive, is not known. They have not yet decided whether they will summon Governor Dix, but Mr. Cisco, and S. L. M. Barlow will soon appear and testify regarding the receipt by Dix of $50,000 while Minister to France, for stock not worth a quarter of the amount. General G. M. Dodge, the only witness left having any knowledge of the mysterious $126,000 spent in the Washington lobby, is still unaccounted for, and the Committee have no knowledge as to his whereabouts. A deputy Sergeant-at-Arms has been in pursuit of him for some time, and he has been regarded by the Committee as the "Artful Dodger."

This afternoon Senator Harlan was recalled, and was examined at length by Messrs. Stevenson and Stockton, relative to checks received from T. C. Durant in 1865. The questions were framed with a view of ascertaining the exact dates of the checks, and what disposition was made of the money for both, the Senators examining the witness intimating that the money was not used in the Iowa election, and their questions created the impression that they expected to show it was paid to Harlan as a reward for acts done while Secretary of the Interior. After the waste of many words and the consumption of much time, the facts were finally elicited that one check was paid to Harlan in New York, but he has it cashed by Mr. Carlton, of the Methodist Book Concern; that he, as a friend, brought the money to Washington, and that Harlan himself distributed it. The Committee propose to follow this up by ascertaining to whom it was distributed, and for what purpose.

THE GENEVA AWARD.

David Dudley Field was before the House Judiciary Committee and made an argument in behalf of his clients in connection with the Geneva awards. He represents the Columbian Insurance Company, which lost a million dollars, and is now bankrupt. He urged that all questions under the marine law and the law of nations should be submitted to the Courts without legislative rules dictating the manner of their award. He was frequently interrupted by General Butler, the Acting Chairman of the Committee, who is opposed to the insurance companies, as already seen by his bill, but Mr. Field was found to be more than a match for the Essex statesman. The subject was discussed nearly all day in the House, Butler making a long speech on his side of the question, while Potter, of New York, followed in a long address on the side of Field. Evarts and Cushing were both on the floor, the former favoring Field's view, and the latter Butler's. A vote will be taken at 1 o'clock to-morrow.

FILIBUSTERING EXPEDITION.

The Administration organ here, this morning, has a special to the effect that a large and well-organized filibustering expedition will soon sail from New Orleans for Cuba, under command of a well-known ex-Confederate General, who is now a prominent supporter of Grant's Administration. The organization is composed of soldiers of both the Federal and Confederate armies from every section of the country, many of whom have already arrived. Experienced pilots have been engaged.

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BILL.

The friends of the Agricultural College bill will make another effort next Monday to pass it in the House.

SPECIE PAYMENT BILL.

The motion to reconsider Senator Sherman's Specie Payment bill will come up in the Senate to-morrow. The friends of the bill have canvassed the Senate, and claim a majority.

SENATOR POMEROY'S INVESTIGATION

will commence on Monday next, when all the witnesses from Kansas on both sides are expected to be present. Pomeroy professes to be very confident that he will be able to prove a case of conspiracy against himself, and that, in view of this event, he has assurance that Ingalls will not be given the seat.

THE CALDWELL CASE.

At the personal request of Senator Caldwell, the Committee on Privileges and Elections have postponed the report in his case until Monday next. Caldwell asked this favor on the ground that he desired to await the return of his attorney, Judge Crozier, from Philadelphia, to consult with him on important matters concerning himself. It is believed generally here that, in view of the report to be made in the case, Caldwell desires to consult with his attorney with reference to tendering his resignation in the Senate.

AMES AND BROOKS.

Oakes Ames has been a more interesting object of observation than ever before, as it is generally believed that he will, within the next few days, be arraigned before the bar of the House for expulsion. While the members of the Poland Committee have little to say on the subject, everybody about the Capitol is satisfied that the Committee will report in favor of expelling both Ames and Brooks. There has already arisen a good deal of sensation on the subject, and the members are rapidly taking sides even before the testimony is printed for circulation. A large number of the best Republicans have grave doubts about the justice of reporting in favor of expulsion. They say that if they intend to expel Ames, they must expel him for bribery of members of Congress. As those receiving bribes are as culpable as those offering them, it is not seen how the Committee or the House can avoid including all who were debauched by Ames. Besides, good lawyers say that the House Committee cannot punish a member of Congress for what he did previous to his connection with that Congress, as his constituents have the right to determine what citizen shall represent them under the law. Therefore, it is urged that the Committee ought to be careful in this report. If resolutions of expulsion are presented, many of the members will feel almost compelled to vote for them, although they regard them as unjust. It is known that if an effort is made to expel Brooks and Ames, the Democrats, supported by many Republicans, will move an amendment to the resolution, that all those implicated in the Credit Mobilier shall be included in connection with the two men named. There will be more excitement and interest on the floor of the House, when this report is made, than there has been for many months. As for Oakes Ames, personally, he is perfectly self-possessed and fearless. He says if they make an attempt to expel him, he will die very hard; that it will take the whole House to assassinate him. He says that he is in robust health, and that when the pillars of this temple fall there will be a good many people round,—meaning, probably, that he has more records and papers than he has yet shown, and that others will be implicated. "If," he says, "this expulsion occurs, what will it show? It will show that no man must hereafter tell the truth about Congressmen. Look at it," continued he, with some earnestness. "How are the world and people to regard it? What do you do? You expel Brooks for lying, and you expel me for telling the truth. Bah! Bah!"

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THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

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THE BANKRUPT LAW.

The President has signed the act amendatory of the Bankrupt law.

LOUISIANA MATTERS

will remain under consideration probably four or five days longer.

CONFIRMED.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations: Postmasters, J. P. Thresher, Benton Harbor, Mich.; A. N. Arnold, Monona, Wis.; John M. Brannigan, Boone, Iowa; William W. Mitchell, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Utah Territory.

RECOGNIZED.

The President recognized Robert Battier, Consular Agent of France, at Memphis, Tenn.

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THE TRIBUNE.

Reoccupation of The Tribune Rooms.

The First Tribune Building, and Its Fate.

The New Tribune Building and Its Occupants.

Something About the First of All the Tribunes.

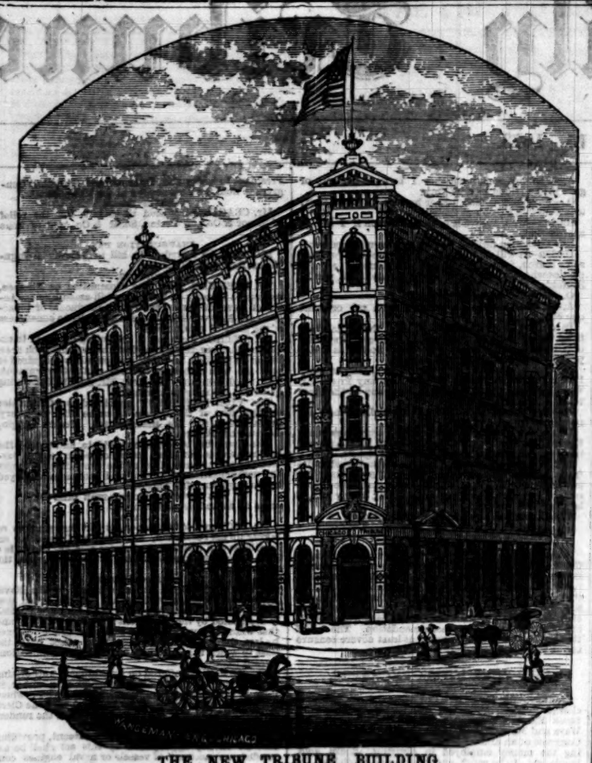
Chicago Thirty-Three Years Ago—E. G. Ryan's Tribune.

Twenty-Six Years of the History of the Present Tribune.

The Tribune Twenty-One Years Ago.

The Tribune and Its New Mechanical Appliances and Surroundings.

The Builders of The Tribune—The Tribune Tenants.



THE NEW TRIBUNE BUILDING.

There was one period of time when THE TRIBUNE Building stood in the fore-front of attention of millions of readers of despatches from Chicago in flames. A city had burned about it, and it looked out on the morning of Monday, Oct. 9, west and south, on a sea of fire. Again and again the despatches announced, "THE TRIBUNE Building still stands;" "THE TRIBUNE Building will be saved." The fire had swept all north of Van Buren street, from the east side of Dearborn west to the river. The Court House had gone, the great hotels were in ashes. North of THE TRIBUNE the flames had swept eastward, laying in ruins the massive buildings of the closest business heart of the city,—Field & Leiter's store, and all of the section south and east to the river. THE TRIBUNE Building stood like a mailed warrior, lightly scathed by the rolling volumes of heat and flame that had swept about it. All night long the usual functions of a great journal had gone forward. The whole office force were reporters, and column after column was put in type long after every other printing establishment in the city had gone down in the tornado of fire. When the gas gave out, candles were procured, and the work went on. The staunch building was fire-proof, and so seemed THE TRIBUNE workers, who came and went among the streets choked with the fearful melee of that appalling night, or from the top of the building sheltered themselves from the furnace blast of heat, and noted the progress of the devastation. Here follows the last "take" set in the old TRIBUNE composing room by the light of the burning city, by John Tippet, who clung to his composing stick, and put these final words in type:

> and the wind raging, and the fire burning, and London, and Paris, and Portland outdone, and no Milton, and no Dante on earth to put words together! A group of men on the fourth story of this office all write at once on the spectacle, and hand sheet after sheet of "copy" to the faithful compositors, who have not forsaken their posts.

Then James C. Hutchins, foreman, with perhaps a sensation as of pismires crawling down his back, locked the forms, by the great torch of Field & Leiter's store, and down went the forms to the press. But by this time human courage gave way, or at least the stock on hand in THE TRIBUNE office did not last to supply to the feed-boys. The first pages were worked off, and a sheet lies before us. The outside last pages were put on the press the steam was up, but there the work ended. The fire cut a new swath across the city at Taylor street, and swept like a prairie-flame up State street. The stately Palmer House came down like a castle of cards. McVicker's Theatre put on its last spectacular effect, and, thus attacked in the rear, aided by the treachery of a rear wall, THE TRIBUNE Building succumbed. How immediately THE TRIBUNE found shelter on Canal street, and through, the brave but dismal year of the great rebuilding, it occupied its narrow quarters and met its readers daily, our columns have again shown. In another part of this issue, we give THE TRIBUNE Building as it stood on the 9th of October, 1871, and we place beside it the presentment of the new TRIBUNE Building, as occupied by us on the succeeding 9th of October, 1872, one year after the fire.

The building was only partially finished on its first occupancy, and it is not until the present time that we find ourselves fully at home in our new quarters, complete in every part, from basement to roof,—the finest and most complete newspaper premises in the world. From the top of the new TRIBUNE Building to-day we look out upon a new city. All the surroundings are fresh and strange. Elegant piles in solid cut stone and graceful forms of iron give us new streets, whose business history has just begun. The business heart of the city, equalled by that of no other city in the world in the uniform character of its structures, is like a fresh ledger page, the trade entries yet to be made. THE TRIBUNE of this issue, setting aside the modesty that is on ordinary occasions its mark of greatness, has something to say of itself,—the more justifiable, perhaps, because it has so much to do with the city.

THE FIRST OF ALL THE TRIBUNES.

We have taken some pains to give the circumstance, often stated before, but not with this present completeness of presentation, that the name TRIBUNE was first applied to an American newspaper in Chicago. To establish this historical fact, a reporter of THE TRIBUNE sat down beside E. G. Ryan, Esq., now and long an honored citizen of Milwaukee, and got from him and from the initial number of the first of all *Tribunes* a graphic picture, given elsewhere, of THE CHICAGO OF 1840, thirty-three years ago, one year before Horace Greeley gave the world the first copy of the New York *Tribune*. The Chicago of those days was an obscure prairie village; had within its limits not to exceed 3,500 souls. Even then reckless speculators were wont to inflate the population, and estimated it at nearly 5,000, or more than a third in excess of the reality. A picture of the town as it looked about that time would astonish our younger citizens. All the business was done within three or four squares of the Chicago River, and extended westward not more than half a mile from its mouth.

THE FIRST TRIBUNE FAILS.

Notwithstanding a start in life so deliberate and careful, as our reference elsewhere shows, the first of all the *Tribunes* had an early death. It was published under great disadvantages in a far-off settlement, more remote for that day than any newspaper can be in our age in any part of the domain of the United States, and we have given at some length the picture of its life and times, the better to show the newspaper work of that period.

THE NEW TRIBUNE.

It is not our purpose to present here the full chain of proprietorship and vicissitudes out of which, from a small beginning in 1847, has grown THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE of to-day. The initial number bears date Thursday, Jan. 10, 1847, and, proud as were its founders, it proved a diminutive affair. In May, 1849, its office in J. H. Gray's building, on the corner of Clark and Randolph streets, was totally destroyed by fire, and a fortunate insurance of $2,100 "covered the loss." But the slender plant had taken root in good soil, and though with varying fortunes repeated changes of owners again and again took place, still the enterprise gained strength, rapidly began to accomplish what is the best mission and the highest business good fortune of a public journal, to reflect in its own growth the growth of the community it serves. In 1861, the present TRIBUNE Company was incorporated by special act of the Legislature of Illinois, with a capital of $200,000. Since that time the growth of the enterprise has kept pace with the development of Chicago. For fifteen years antecedent to its occupancy of the new TRIBUNE Building in May, 1869, its newspaper premises were in the low, long brick block on Clark street, opposite the Sherman House, and, whatever may be its future, these were the most important years of the development of THE TRIBUNE. In that period, the straggling prairie town became a city. The West, from a wilderness of country trails and cross-roads, accessible only by tedious teaming, had received its network of railway lines. The country in that period passed through the War of the Rebellion. Long before THE TRIBUNE entered into possession of premises of its own, by virtue of its relation to these great events, it had come to stand among the foremost journals in the United States, and had by its own enterprise wrought an entire transformation in the mode and demands of Western journalism. It was a pioneer in the use of the telegraph as an equalizer of distance, and the introduction of the best mechanical appliances of newspaper publication. The introduction of its first great Hoe press was enforced by the large editions of war time, when some imminent phase of news would add from 15,000 to 20,000 to the issue of a single day. The writer well remembers when the publisher of a great Boston newspaper looked with interest through the press-room of THE TRIBUNE, and therefrom borrowed the hint of the utility of the folding-machine.

In May, 1869, THE TRIBUNE entered into occupancy of its new fire-proof building, on the southeast corner of Madison and Dearborn streets—a venturesome move, as was declared by many who deemed that it would be years before the extension of business southward would give THE TRIBUNE the adequate surroundings of a city newspaper office. But the wisdom of the selection of the new site was speedily demonstrated, and its best realization has been more than ten years ante-dated by the fire. The location is near the intersection of the lines of all street-car service of the city, and central to and in the vicinity of the hotels, depots, public buildings, banks, and other established features of our new heart of business.

THE FIRST TRIBUNE BUILDING

had at once a prominent place in the structures of our later growth. It was fire-proof, solid, and substantial in appearance, and construction, with handsome fronts of Athens stone. It covered the same area as the present structure, but one story has been added to the rebuilt edifice. It was pronounced one of the finest and most perfect of examples of fire-proof construction. But then who had imagined a Chicago fire? It seemed as if there was nothing to burn, where floors, walls, roof, stairways were in stone, iron, concrete, and masonry. Our reference elsewhere recites its fate in the common ruin, and our cut accompanying shows all that was left of THE TRIBUNE Building on the fated 9th of October, 1873.

THE NEW BUILDING.

Our engraver saves us columns of description. The rebuilt TRIBUNE Building stands where stood its predecessor, identical in area, one story higher, but the rich red sandstone of Marquette has replaced the former fronts of white limestone. It has a north front on Madison street of 121 feet, and a west front of 72 on Dearborn. The cut will bring the interior features of the new building to the eye of every reader, and win the credit deserved by the architects, Messrs. Burling & Adler and their co-workers referred to more in detail hereafter.

Let us pass, therefore, at once to a brief review of the interior characteristics and utilities of THE TRIBUNE building. And here also we are helped by a sectional view to which our notes are the scarcely-required key.

THE INTERIOR

is wholly fire-proof, there being no combustible material except the lighter features of finish. The floor beams are iron, the floor above being laid in every story in the handsome encaustic tile imported from England for this purpose. These are laid in cement, which is filled in upon the corrugated iron that forms the ceilings beneath. By a tasteful selection of colors, a beautiful variety is shown in the floors of the rooms and halls, the colors being black, red, yellow, drab, and blue. The sectional outline of these floors in the large diagram is the best explanation of their solidity. They must be seen to appreciate their beauty. The stairs are iron, the balustrades later. A handsome clock ornaments the pediment fronting the main entrance. The monogram of THE TRIBUNE Company, richly wrought, appears upon the pediment adorning the cashier's department, and also upon the plate glass in the door of the private office of the business manager. Light is admitted into the counting-room through six immense plate-glass windows, with semi-circular tops, one of which looks out upon Dearborn street, and through the doors, which are largely of glass. Each window is filled with a single plate of French glass ten feet in height by six in width. The counter is from the establishment of D. M. Swiney & Co., by whom the fitting up of the old counting-room was done. The design is artistic, and the details have been wrought out by the most skilful workmen in the West. The casings of the doors and windows, and all subordinate portions of the carpentry, are scarcely less handsome, and equally creditable to the workmen.

Within the counter there is a liberal supply of office furniture for the use of the employes—desks, drawers, and all essential paraphernalia. Everything corresponds, in style and finish, with what has been described. The broad desks are of black walnut with bronze trimmings, or mountings of the same material.

The alcove of the counting-room is used for mailing purposes, the galleys being kept in locked cases of black walnut panelled with ash. A dummy in the rear wall takes manuscript of all kinds to the composing-room in the fifth story. Speaking-tubes communicate with the city department, the composing and editorial rooms. The vault is identical with the one in the old TRIBUNE Building, and is in the same place, directly behind the desk of the cashier. It passed through the terrible ordeal of the fire with honor. The superficial area of the vault is 6x8, and its height 10 feet. The old fire and burglar-proof safe, of Hall make, within it, looks as bright and new as if just from the manufactory in Cincinnati. It is arranged with apartments for the different stockholders, and subdivisions for all necessary uses. A stairway in the rear communicates with the folding and press-rooms in the basement. The rear wall of the office is ornamented with a great photographic view of Chicago in 1860, taken from the Court House dome. The contrast between the city of the ante-rebellion era and that of to-day, is marked and striking. In the window of the business manager can still be seen the old Krupp shell, that has become historic. The gas-fixtures partake of the general character of substantial elegance that pervades the counting-room. Among the conveniences of the office is a box for the United States mail, made of black walnut, with glass panels, to correspond with the prevailing style of interior finish. The files of the paper are kept in black walnut cases at the rear of the counting-room.

The relation of a metropolitan newspaper to community as a medium for the interchange of wants and demands is shown in the feature of THE TRIBUNE counting-room known as the Letter Box, the business of which in number of mail enclosures exceeds that of many post offices. The "small advertisements" in THE TRIBUNE have grown into a business of great importance. The "wants" involve a large correspondence, which requires careful classification to prevent confusion. It not unfrequently happens that two or three lines in THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE, stating the simple fact that a clerk or porter is wanted, brings 500 letters from as many eager, and perhaps hungry, applicants. Not a week passes in which there is not some brief advertisement that evokes at least 300 epistles, showing an infinite variety of chirography and character.

Here are 100 boxes, besides those for the editorial force, and for miscellaneous advertisers. For each letter of the alphabet there are 100 printed tickets—for instance, A 1, A 2, B 1, 2, 3, etc. Each advertiser, who does not prefer to be addressed otherwise, receives a stamped-dated ticket like the following, when his advertisement is taken at the counting-room:

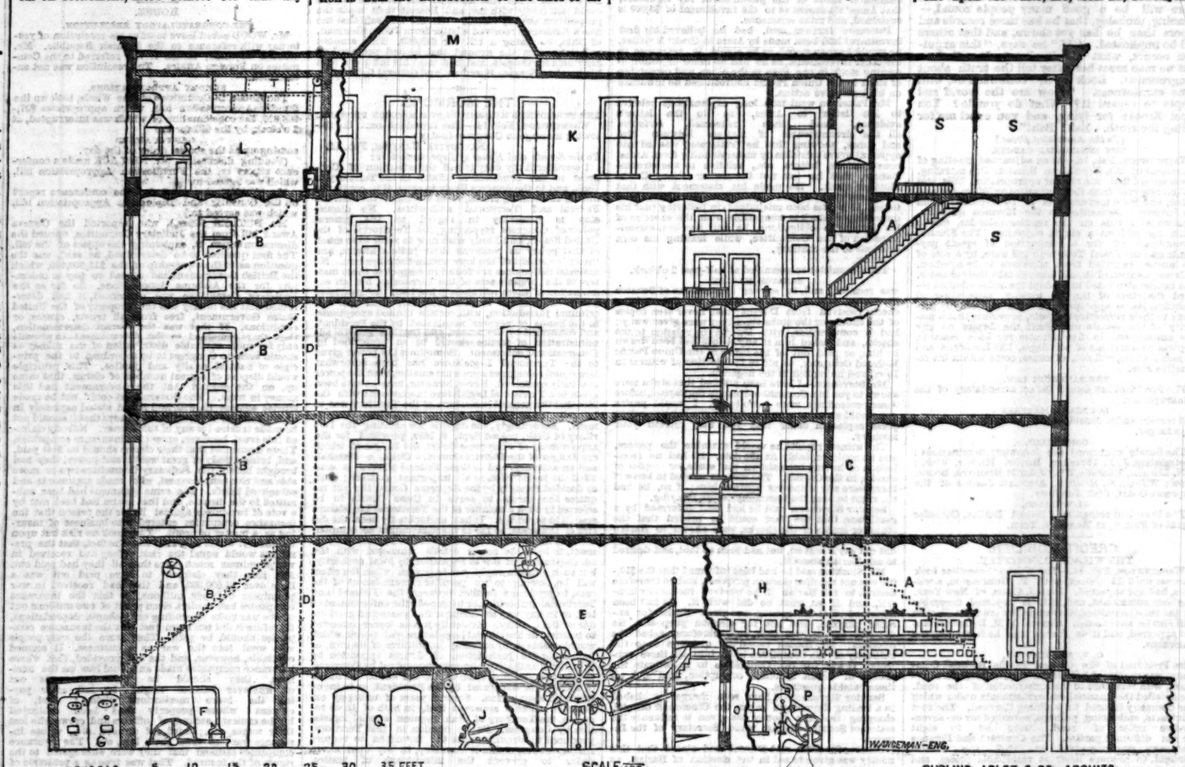
> **Chicago Tribune.**
> Bearer is entitled for FIVE DAYS to letters addressed **U 68.**
> Tribune Company.

His letters are addressed accordingly, and all corresponding numbers of whatever letter are put in the same box. The system is found to be the most convenient and admirable, both as regards the clerks in the counting-room and the advertising patrons.

From the counting-room, the visitor, desiring to understand the interior economy of a metropolitan newspaper office, may pass down a private stairway to

THE BASEMENT,

the larger share of the numerous apartments of which are devoted to the different branches of printing and mailing. While in these days the processes are familiar to most of our readers, from observation in smaller printing establishments, the demands of THE TRIBUNE editions has made necessary, and the new building affords, an amplitude of space and perfection of arrangement that will be most admired by those most familiar with the printer's art. These numerous rooms, opening one upon the other, are, after all, the adjuncts



LONGITUDINAL SECTION OF TRIBUNE BUILDING (LOOKING SOUTH).

EXPLANATION.—A A A. Principal Stairway from Dearborn street. B B B. Private Stairway to Composing Room on fifth story. C. Passenger Elevator from Dearborn street vestibule. D. Dummy Elevator from Stereotypers' Room to Press Room. E. Press Room, eight-cylinder Hoe Press (walls of building cut away to show the same). F. Engine. G. Boilers (in vault under alley). H. Counting Room and Business Manager's office. J. Mailing Room, with Folding Machines. K. Composing Room. L. Stereotypers' Room (south wall of Composing Room cut away to show same). M. Large Skylight. O. Paper Room. P. Engine for Passenger Elevator. Q. Mailing Rooms. S S S. Editorial and Reporters' Rooms. T. Water Tank.

like the offices opening thereupon, handsome in their tessellated floors, and the rich contrasts of their hard-wood joiner work. We reach the fifth floor, and the editorial rooms are about us, arranged with a view to order, economy of time, and convenience of the numerous staff in the various departments. It is enough to say that our brethren of the press, our most appreciative visitors, declare them perfect, and that they have gained from us new views of what the sanctum may be made. The rooms are on a scale and in the style of the best professional offices in Chicago, and occupy the Dearborn street end of the building and a portion of the Madison street front. The rest of the floor and the larger share is given to

THE RUINS OF THE FIRST TRIBUNE BUILDING.

THE COMPOSING ROOM.

This grand apartment, unbroken by columns, and lighted by full windows on north, south, and east, and a vast dome skylight in the roof, is 68 feet long, 50 feet wide, and 16 feet high, will accommodate 50 cases for as many compositors, with ample space and verge left for all adjuncts and appliances. From this room the type in forms is sent to the stereotypers adjoining, and in twenty minutes can be returned to the composing-room and the plate sent down to the press below.

We are not describing processes. These are reasonably familiar to many readers of modern newspapers. It is only our aim to show the results of experience and careful study have brought perfection to all departments of THE TRIBUNE in which these processes are realized. THE TRIBUNE will have the opportunity three hundred and sixty-five times each year to lay before its readers the proofs of the completeness of these preparations, and here we leave the discussion.

A LOOK ABOUT US.

Now step out upon the iron roof of THE TRIBUNE Building, and look about you. Five blocks south we note the tall buildings now busy with trade. East, west, and southwest lofty blocks in stone, iron, and brick, the ornamental lines of roofs telling of the character of the facades below. We look up and down Madison and Dearborn, busy with life, showy and beautiful with new shop fronts. Here, there, and yonder, the tall Mansards of the great hotels, the vast roof of the grand Chamber of Commerce. Far away we look over the buildings of the rapidly-rising North Side. Then turn to the cut we give of the ruined TRIBUNE Building, and remember that one year ago it looked out actually on square miles of the desolate waste where our city had been. Here about us is our new Chicago, nearly as new and strange to us as to the freshly-arrived stranger. It is in such a city and with such freshly-turned pages of its local history that THE TRIBUNE, in its new rooms, continues with fresh energies, with gratitude for the marvellous past, and courage for the assured future, the relations it has for twenty-six years sustained to its Chicago patrons and its readers at large.

THE TRIBUNE TENANTS.

Thirty-four years ago there was a newspaper born in Chicago. There have been many since, not a few whose names are well-nigh forgot, which brings out more prominently the purpose of this reference, for, though the infant journal died young, THE NAME STILL LIVES, and it is interesting to remember that here in Chicago a newspaper was first called THE TRIBUNE. To place this fact in its proper setting we go back to 1840, and bring the Chicago of that day before our readers, so far as it can be shown in the mirror of the small sheet before us.

The carriers of THE TRIBUNE of those days, it will be observed, had very limited routes. The old Fort Dearborn Reservation included all of the South Side east of State street, and the only buildings on it were the fort, and the house called by courtesy the Beaubien mansion. There was not a house south of Randolph street and west of State. All goods coming by lake were unloaded on the North Side, the only exception being mentioned below. Hotels were as plentiful in proportion to the population as they are likely to be next summer, but they were all small, and the guests, like the celebrated Mrs. Skewton, had to sleep with their heads in the closet, and their feet in the fireplace. The churches were few and disproportioned to the number of saloons. There was the old St. James, on the North Side, which was standing until the great fire, and the ecclesiastical barn, in which the Presbyterians worshipped, on Lake street, between Clark and LaSalle. The Baptists and Methodists also had disadvantageous places of worship. The Presbyterian Church was occasionally honored by the ministrations of members of the Beecher family. Histrionics were not entirely neglected. On Dearborn street, between Lake street and the river, was a hall with a diminutive stage and flabby scenery, occasionally used by the Crummleses of the day with their migratory companies. There was another hall at the corner of Lake and Clark streets, called Saloon Hall, where lecturers such as the time furnished dropped their words of deep wisdom, and where there were sporadic shows. In this building the first TRIBUNE saw the light. It lived for about eighteen months, and was then discontinued, the office being sold out to other parties. Mr. E. G. Ryan was editor, and in part publisher. His business associate was a Mr. Holcombe, a practical printer, and the style of the firm was Holcombe & Co. The circumstances under which the paper originated were as follows: In the winter of 1839-'40 there were two journals published in Chicago; the *Democrat*, a small weekly, thirty years after merged in the present TRIBUNE, and the *American*, later the *Evening Journal*. The *American* had been a weekly of the same size as the *Democrat*, and was afterward published daily, having four pages, and four columns to the page. During that winter, some enterprising gentlemen thought that another paper was immediately needed, and at their suggestion Mr. Ryan undertook the business. There was not at that time a pound of new type for sale in Chicago. There was only one printing office, that of Mr. E. H. Budd. This was purchased, and Mr. Holcombe went to Louisville, Ky., and bought the newspaper type and appurtenances from Messrs. D. Hobbs & Co. After long delays, the type reached Ottawa by water and was brought thence in a wagon. At Louisville it was packed in a leather trunk, and carried on to the boat by four strong negroes. The fellow-passengers of the gentleman who accompanied did not understand the meaning of so much compact weight, and thought him a millionaire transporting an immense amount of gold coin and bullion. In consequence, he was the recipient of much polite, and not a little ill-bred, attention, and one Southern sprig of chivalry offered to exchange the coin for post-obits in Mississippi County bonds. Only one house in Chicago had print-paper for sale.

The arrangements with this house for a supply failed, and THE TRIBUNE found it necessary before spring to print its paper on the small separate sheets, which were pasted together at the fold. That TRIBUNE was Democratic, as its editor, Mr. Ryan, then was, and it is not within the knowledge of any individual that he has since lapsed from the faith. It is his present pride to believe that while his newspaper was printed it never made a statement to the prejudice of any human being.

Our reporter recently visited the editor of the original TRIBUNE, for the purpose of inspecting the first number. He found Mr. Ryan at his pleasant home at Milwaukee, a philosopher in an admirably-selected library, hale and hearty, although past three-score, and equally gratified, and equally intelligent, whether talking of the last novel, Tennyson or William Morris, or of the village germ from which our present great city grew. The first volume of THE TRIBUNE was at once produced for the visitor's inspection. His examination was, however, confined to the first number. The sheet, as at first published, had four pages of seven columns each. The first page bears the title above five short columns, the outside columns being of all lengths. The letter of the name is precisely the same as that used at present for the name of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE. The top of the page is arranged as follows:

> Column. | THE TRIBUNE. | Column.
> Vol. I. "Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness." No. 1.
> By Holcombe & Co., Printers and Publishers.
> CHICAGO, SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1840.

The first column has a poem from Goethe, entitled "The Godlike," translated by George Bancroft, then a gentleman approaching middle age and much given to miscellaneous literature. Under the general head "Light Reading" there is a sketch of humble life in Paris by DeBalzac; under the head "Moral Reading," an abstract paper upon the "Moral Law of Liberty." To give still greater variety to the selected miscellany of the first page, which was intended for quiet fireside consumption, there is an article on the Bible, commencing, "Bible, a book, from the Greek *biblos*, which signifies the bark of a tree, on which the ancients wrote." Orestes A. Brownson flourished as a political writer about 1840, and in him our fathers—our Democratic fathers, surely—delighted. He furnished pabulum freely for the politicians of that day. The successive paragraphs commence:

> "The Democratic party is the American party."
> "The Democratic party is also the patriotic party."
> "The Democratic party is the party of Christianity, and Christianity is the revelation of God's mercy to man," &c., &c.

Mr. Brownson's screed is of unconscionable length, and runs over on to the second page, which is the editorial page proper. At the head of the editorial stand the following motto and names, which take us into quite a different atmosphere of politics from the present:

> PRINCIPLES AND MEN.
> Chicago, April 4, 1840.
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> For President:
> MARTIN VAN BUREN.
>
> For Vice President:
> RICHARD M. JOHNSON.

Martin Van Buren was then seeking a re-election at the hands of his party, but he was defeated even more overwhelmingly than Horace Greeley, scarcely carrying two or three States, and those by unappreciable majorities. It is quite refreshing to hear Mr. Ryan, in the *role* of a consistent old Democrat, speak of the ancient standard-bearer of his party as a traitor and a renegade. Richard M. Johnson continued for some years after this date to draw from his pocket, in the presence of public audiences, a large red silk pocket-handkerchief, and describe, with self-conscious thumb and egotistic finger, the battle of Tippecanoe—*pere fut*—and the way in which he had killed Tecumseh.

The editorial that follows is a statement of the political creed of the paper, and seems to be constructed on the theory of Alexander H. Stephens, as it occupies two columns. The writer believes in political economy in mild form, but deprecates partisanship. An article upon The First of April is of a general kind, well known to all journalists. A paper on "St. Valentine's Day," ending with some characteristic verses, was evidently prepared with the expectation of an earlier appearance of the journal. We give a portion of it, in order to show how the wits and beaux hiring out in Chicago in 1840 expressed themselves, not claiming that it is Addisonian, although it has a certain dry humor:

> MR. EDITOR: Some time about the middle of last month (February), as I was coming home late one night (over a) bending a professional call in Kinzie's Addition, I observed a dandy-dressed sort of fellow, evidently in a great state of mental confusion, hanging with great industry to a friendly fence for support. As the night was very cold, I felt it my duty to ascertain the cause of his distress. Not knowing what to do with the papers I had thus obtained, I put them in my pocket for further examination, but as there is nothing in them from which I can gather any information, except that they seem to be written by one "Valentine," of whom I can hear nothing upon inquiry, I close them to you with a request that you will publish them for the benefit of all concerned. For my own part I would say that half a dozen actions for breach of promise might be upon one-half the evidences contained in these papers. Therefore propose that if the owners of them are ever found, suit be brought, and that, for my services in the case, one-half the damages recovered be divided to Your obedient servant,
> JONATHAN LIGHTFOOT.

There follow several poems, of which this is a specimen:

> I come to thee as errant knight
> Would to his lady love,
> With a petition that would move
> The heart of royal Jove.
> I am not one to stamp forth
> In love-sick phrase, that you know,
> And you are one that would be wooed,
> As Jupiter wooed Juno.
> So, my petition is that you
> Your lovely nails should pare,
> That your lips should not oftener move
> In scandal clean in prayer.
> You'll have no curtains to your bed,
> Teeth which to hold a lecture,
> That you will for the most part deem
> Your husband your protector;
> You'll get but little, and with skin
> Shun pants, and sky-blue hose,
> And never interfere between
> Young ladies and their beaux.
> In fine, you'll be that rarest thing,
> A model of a wife,
> And make your husband's happiness
> One object of your life.
> Will grant the prayer? If so, then grant
> This rather prayer of mine,
> That I may be your doting love,
> Your loving valentine.

On the second page is also half a column of facetiæ, even then a part of the literary nutriment deemed necessary for the readers of every newspaper.

> Queen Victoria, in 1840, had not been long a Queen, and now we look upon her reign as almost ended, and herself as having one foot in the grave. A trivial paragraph refers pleasantly to her marriage:
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> Well, after a wonderful fuss, this little lady is married off at last. Wonder if she had a serenade on the occasion. After all it is not so gay; this is not the first time in English history that an Albert has been raised by a victory to the British throne.

The first TRIBUNE antedated the telegraph by some years. It was many years after this that this cunning transmitter of intelligence began to divide with the scissors the honor of the news column. Therefore, we are not surprised to find an apology for a dearth of news—that is, what was called news in those days—on account of the imperfection of the exchange list. Upon the third page also appears this letter, and response.

> CHICAGO, April 1, 1840.
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> *To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:*
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> SIR: As you seem to set yourself up for something more than common in the way of wisdom by starting a newspaper, perhaps you can solve a question which has puzzled my poor brains. I am out of business, out of money, out of sorts; in debt, in trouble, and to

Chicago. What shall I do to be happy and hearty? Yours as you shall answer, APRIL FOOL.

THE ANSWER.

Do as we do, Fool! Work hard, keep a clear conscience, and board at the Sanganash.

In this letter two things are apparent: first, that there were dead-beats even in the little hamlet called Chicago, and, second, that the editor of the primitive TRIBUNE was able to board at a first-class hotel, such as it was, where he doubtless slept with his head in the closet and his feet in the fireplace, after the most approved fashion of places of summer-resort.

The following editorial gives at some length the reasons for selecting the name TRIBUNE for the new sheet:

Oh, be some other name!
What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.

From the foundation of the earth, courteous reader, to the present time, all existences, animate and inanimate, have borne some distinguishing and appropriate name. When the great Creator had called into existence his favorite and noblest creature, man, he gave to him his appropriate designation, by which he will be known to the end of time—possibly, through all eternity. Man, after the example of his Maker, gave their respective names to the brute creation of the earth, and the inanimate works of his Master, which surrounded him; and from that day down, when any of his descendants discovered a new object, mastered a new idea, or made to themselves a new thing, their first care is to call it by some not inapt designation by which it may be known and distinguished until it passes away, and is forgotten in the common tomb of the things of time. Newspapers have, as you know, gentle patron, always fallen under the influence of this custom, and, like a new-born baby, they have been named as they started into existence by their respective parents. Much could we say of their origin and history; how the earliest was modestly called "Gazette," from the piece of money that was exacted as its price; perhaps at another time we may do so, but it is foreign to our present purpose. Suffice it to say that in modern days, when the press became a powerful political engine, when it came to be said, and truly said, by an eminent patriot and statesman *that no people could continue free where the press had ceased to be so; that no people would be long enslaved where the press was enlightened and untrammelled*; in these days it has multiplied beyond calculation, till it may almost be said to overshadow the earth at once in its effect and powerfully influence the opinions of mankind, and in its character an almost certain index of their measure of civilization and enlightenment. Hence have there been a thousand later "Gazettes," a thousand and ten thousand Heralds, Chronicles Couriers, Whigs, Democrats, Journals, Mirrors, Spectators, and the like; yea, the sun, moon, and stars of the firmament have lent their names to myriads of sheets; until, in fine, every apt title seems to be appropriated, and the luckless wight who undertakes a new paper may ransack his brain in vain for a new cognomen; no choice seems to be left save to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors.

In this predicament we lately found ourselves; a press was purchased—our ends certain—our zeal great—a sheet must we weekly send forth to our friends, and yet under what name? That was the sticking point. True, we knew that by our friends should we be judged, intelligently judged, we hoped; true, by any other name a rose would smell as sweet; but a newspaper cannot be nameless, and an appropriate, and unhackneyed name was the object of our search; to the end that the designation of our journal might at once fulfil the original object of a name by distinguishing it from all others, and at the same time serve in some degree as an index of its aims. "Oh, be some other name!" was the text of our meditations.

Various were the titles which occurred to ourselves curious and many those suggested by our friends; but none met our views, and we pondered in abstracted silence until we were accused of being in love; and lo! our paper and its name are before the public whose approval or disapproval is the vital life or death-blow.—THE TRIBUNE. Courteous reader, how like you the name? We shall see.

It has always appeared to us, that long before the art of printing was known, almost all our sheets had some class of public men, standing somewhat in the same relation to the community as the editors of modern days. Thus the States of ancient Greece had their orators and philosophers to whom the people looked for information and advice; thus amongst the Jews, whose earthly policy was identified with their religion, by that promise of Him, who was at once their Creator, their God, and their King, made to them for *His own glory*, and, like His promises, invariably and wholly kept throughout their history, that, while they remained faithful to His law, temporal prosperity should overshadow them; but that faithless to their religion, misfortune and tribulation should be their national lot; amongst them the prophets joined to the higher and holier objects of their mission, the function of advising and instructing the people; and even would the inspired Isaiah write his sacred history, to go out upon the highways, and the markets, and other public places, to warn, to counsel, to reprove their countrymen; to advise them of the grand principles of their polity, *fidelity*; the great cause of their calamities, past, present, and future, *infidelity*. Thus, too (and we join examples from sacred and profane history, in no irreverent spirit), in ancient Rome, where the citizens were divided into two castes, Plebeians and Patricians; when the few had wrested all the offices and patronage, and direction of the government from the many; and combining, by their influence, the great power of the Republic, used the great mass only as *their* means of acquisition, their arms, *their* producers;—and when the oppressed mass had risen against their oppressors, retired within the city, and refused again to accede to the social contract with their oppressors unless guaranteed against oppressions; then the nobles ceded to them the right of choosing officers from among themselves, and for themselves. The Patricians were to continue in the possession of the old offices; but the new officers of the people had power to interpose in vindication of their rights and their interests; and were constituted by the Commons as the protectors and organs of the people; to keep watch over those who had shown the disposition and the power to oppress them "to warn them of the coming, to council them how to proceed, and in fine to be the guardians of their liberties. To each of these was given the name of "The Tribune."

Candid reader, we repeat the question, how like you our name? We have gone to this length for the brevity of our explanation, which has unconsciously outrun the limits we had intended.

Of local news, strictly speaking, there is little, but the advertising columns show the extent of business in the city. We have already mentioned the locality of the different churches. There was not then a public school in the city, although there were one or two private institutions of learning of no great pretensions. The Lake House, on the North Side, near the river, was kept by G.E. Shelley, and had stabling for one hundred horses, such extensive accommodations being necessary at a time when nearly every one rode on horseback. At the Lake House also were the various stage offices, and from this point these ancient vehicles radiated by several routes to the incipient towns of the Northwest. The Sauganash was situated on Market street, near Lake. At the corner of LaSalle and Lake streets stood the New York Hotel. The City Hotel occupied a portion of the site of the present Sherman House, now almost rebuilt, and was kept by Josiah Bissell. The Eagle Tavern was an old drinking-house, hardly worthy to be considered a hostelry. It stood on Dearborn street, between Lake and Water, and was the scene of much confusion and disorder, that served to point the moral of many a temperance discourse. Its midnight revels would have furnished pertinent material for a pioneer Hogarth, but artists in those days were not numerous even in the oldest American cities. The old Tremont House was built not long subsequent to the period of which we are speaking, on the corner diagonally opposite to the present location. The original building was burned, and the hotel, retaining its name, was rebuilt on the present site. The second building a few years after shared the fate of the first, after which the Tremont House, well known to the travelling public of the Northwest, was erected, and was thought antiquated, and to have well served its time, when the great conflagration occurred. All of the hotels in the village thought it the thing to have their cards in the first TRIBUNE, and they are consequently prominent in the advertising columns. There are but a few attorneys and law firms, whose names appear therein. Beaumont & Skinner—the last our honored citizen, Mark Skinner, could be found at the corner of Lake and Clark streets, if their services were needed to prevent a quarrel. Scammon & Judd were law partners, also Newkirk & Wilson. Hugh T. Dickey, as his card shows, went it alone in jurisprudence. Morris Balestier was also a lonely counsellor-at-law. Tavern, Bristol & Porter had a steamboat office, where staterooms and "*births*" could be secured, if their advertisement is to be believed. There was then one line of boats to Buffalo, which published a tabulated list of boats and times to the extent of nearly half a column. There were also opposition lines, of which prospective movements we are informed with considerable flourish of trumpets. Navigation was about to open, and spring arrangements were just completed. The "new and beautiful steamer Missouri, of 800 tons burden," was about to take her place in the line upon the Upper Lakes, Lake Superior not being classed under this head. Another applicant for the public favor was the "tried and beautiful Illinois," the magnificence of whose appointments had not been excelled by anything that swam. C. M. Reed was a grocer, who sold the best brand of Laporte flour, whatever that might be. Smith & Webster advertise a few barrels of good hogs' lard, this being the commencement of their jobbing business. Uriah King kept the "New York Clothing House," and turned a nimble penny, as moneymaking was regarded in those days. Kent & Gibson were stock-brokers. The only warehouse or commission house on the South Side of the Chicago River was that of Mr. Reed, and he proclaims the fact with a good deal of ostentation. His place was not far from the Rush street bridge. Hardware was sold by Seth T. Otis. At S. F. Gale's bookstore could be bought law and miscellaneous books, and the theological treatises of the day, if the seller had them. If he didn't happen to have them he could buy slow mails from Eastern literary marts, and receive them in the course of six weeks by a most tedious and circuitous route of lakes and canals. Such was life and business in those old days. Four columns of the fourth page are filled with a report on the question of the disputed boundary between Illinois and Wisconsin, an exciting topic in the absence of Credit Mobilier investigations, railroad accidents, and Geneva tribunals. The advertisements fill about six columns of the entire number.

OUR TRIBUNE IN 1852.

Now, that we are bringing out of TRIBUNE annals "things new and old," let us turn the pages of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE of March 29, 1852:

It is a little five-column paper. The contents are rather limited. The first page contains brief editorial comments upon the possible difficulties with Great Britain as elucidated by the correspondence between Daniel Webster, then Secretary of State, and Mr. Crampton, the British Minister at Washington. Also about one-third of a column of religious news and one column of telegraphic advices. They are in themselves a curiosity. They contain the very latest news from Europe by steamer, with dates twenty days old. The second page contains a chapter of a continued story by Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., which, as usual, is "To be continued in our next," and two columns of local and miscellaneous news jumbled up promiscuously. The third page contains one column of special despatches, about an explosion in Hell Gate, on the Hudson; and the fourth page is filled completely with advertisements. This was THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE twenty-one years ago. The following article on the progress of the West, which originally appeared in the New York *Courier*, was copied by THE TRIBUNE in that issue:

THE WEST IN 1822.

And this West! where is it? What was it a few years since, and what is it destined to become? The pamphlet now lying before us, containing the reports of the President and Engineer (John B. Jervis) of the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad, calls to mind very vividly our recollections of the past. Thirty years ago we were a Lieutenant in the army, stationed at Chicago, which was then a frontier post, 200 miles in advance of our most western settlement. There were then five sail vessels and one steamer on lakes Erie, St. Clair, Huron, and Michigan; and to reach Chicago under the most favorable auspices was a journey of more than a month. Now it is performed with ease, comfort, and safety in 36 hours.

Rock Island, situated on the Mississippi River, was then, even in its relations with Chicago, the far West, being a garrison belonging to the valley of the Mississippi, and approached from the South in summer; while our post of Chicago belonged to the East, and was approached and supplied by way of the lakes during the summer. It became necessary, in the winter of 1822, to apprise the command at St. Antony's Falls that the Sioux Indians were about surprising them, and had entered into a league with the Winnebagoes for that purpose.

And we had the pleasure of being the first white man in all that region who was known to have crossed from Chicago to the Mississippi in the winter season. We walked the distance between Chicago and Rock Island in ten days, through deep snow and over bleak prairies, with the thermometer below zero, through a tribe of hostile Indians (the Winnebagoes,) whom we avoided by avoiding the comforts of the woods and keeping the prairies.

We, however, accomplished our purpose, and were none the worse for our exposure; but little did we dream, at that time, that in the brief space of thirty years, all that region would be densely populated—boast of its millions of inhabitants west and south of Chicago, and we be called on forth to invite attention to the iron way, destined to connect that distant spot with this city, by means of which the intervening distance could be travelled in forty-two hours. The men who at that period, would have ventured such a prediction that the combined science, enterprise, and wealth of the world, could have produced such a result, would have been pronounced a fit tenant for a mad-house. And yet after a lapse of only thirty years, this apparent impossibility has been achieved.

THE TRIBUNE BUILDERS.

THE TRIBUNE builders should desire no better monument of their skill than THE TRIBUNE Building. Who they are, and a few words concerning them, will close our sketch.

Architects, Burling, Adler, & Co.
Mason work, Carter Bros.
Sidewalks, Kavanagh & Merriman.
Cut stone, A. G. Gindele.
Iron work, N. S. Bouton.
Carpenters, Warwick & Cassidy.
Iron staircases, F. Letz & Son.
Plastering, White & Thomas.
Planing-mill work, S. I. Russell.
Iron lath, Fire-Proof Building Co.
Painting and glazing, S. W. Swift.
Heating apparatus, Baker, Smith & Co.
Fire-proof shutters, American Corrugated Iron Co.
Gas fixtures, Wm. H. Patterson.
Plate glass, E. Atwater & Co.
Boilers, C. Mason & Co.
Plumbing, Hugh Watt.
Sidewalk lights, Brown Bros.
Roof and cornice, Philadelphia Architectural Type, Lindsay Bros., of New York.
Passenger elevator, Otis Bros.
Freight elevator, Crane Bros.
Hardware, E. Hamilton Hunt.
Marble work, Chicago Marble Manufacturing Co.
Speaking tubes, &c., Porter & Co.
Editorial room furniture, A. H. Andrews & Co.
Tile, F. A. Doolittle.
Ornamental glass, W. H. Wells.
Presses and printing machinery, R. Hoe & Co.
Folding machines, Chambers Bros. & Co.
Asphalt flooring, Chicago Paving Co.
Engines, Murphy & Tarrant.
Composing-room furniture, S. Simons & Co.
Vault doors, Beard Bros., St. Louis.

MESSRS. BURLING, ADLER & CO.

Said Sir Christopher Wren, in Latin, we believe, "If you seek my monument, look about you." Edward Burling, the architect of the new as of the old TRIBUNE Building, could spend some hours pointing out his some hundreds of monuments in our new city. A veteran among our architects, he has won high praise for his large share in the "Great Rebuilding," and his firm is in the full tide of success.

W. H. PATTERSON.

The gasfitting and fixtures of THE TRIBUNE Building, introduced by W. H. Patterson, of No. 136 State street, near Madison, comprises all the latest improvements of the art, and are fully in keeping with the rest of the work. Mr. Patterson was old in his line when the great fire reduced all business establishments to a level; but his best part was left in his energy and experience. He was one of the first to open an elegant down-town store, and his business share in the Great Rebuilding has been very large. His own personal supervision insures perfection to all work in his hands.

W. H. WELLS.

W. H. Wells, ornamental glass-works, formerly of 96 Fulton street, but now at Nos. 48 and 50 Franklin street, has a manufactory equal in size and facilities for turning out work to any establishment in the United States. He manufactures cut, embossed, ground, and bent glass. This house is well known to the citizens of Chicago from its having furnished a great number of their largest buildings and private residences with ground and ornamental glass. All persons wishing anything in his line of business, or to have their tastes *"for the beautiful"* gratified, will find the work of W. H. Wells, 48 and 50 Franklin street, to exceed their most sanguine expectations.

The heating apparatus in THE TRIBUNE Building was furnished and put up by

SIDEWALK LIGHTS.

Brown Brothers, corner Clinton and Jackson streets, manufacture sidewalk lights, risers, etc., floor and roof lights, vault lights, and coal-hole covers, at the reduced rate of $6.50 per square foot.

These gentlemen are making great preparations for doing an extensive business as soon as the season opens, in connection with many of our best buildings now near completion.

PORTER & CO.

Porter & Co., ball hangers, No. 72 Madison street, on the corner of State, furnish and put in place everything in their line of business, such as hotel and house annunciators, with or without electricity, bells, gongs, and speaking-tubes, Yale and other locks, keys, letter-plates, letter-boxes, name-plates, numbers, checks, etc., etc.

BAKER, SMITH & CO.,

at 81 and 83 Jackson street, who manufacture the following articles: High and low pressure steam apparatus, non-freezing water apparatus, portable steam and water apparatus, non-explosive steam boilers, railway car warmers, automatic pumping apparatus, ventilating fans and blowers, simplified steam engines for domestic use, &c., together with all the minor items required in connection with heating and ventilation. Their methods of heating include direct and indirect radiation, using both steam and hot water, and the apparatuses are constructed in many different styles and sizes, adapted to use in the smallest private dwellings, even to a single room, for business offices, railroad depots, cars, public institutions, school-houses, &c.; in fact, from the smallest departments to buildings occupying an area of blocks.

The principal points of superiority over other designs for a similar purpose are, absolute safety from explosion, perfect security against fire, great economy of fuel, entire freedom from gas, smoke, dust, and noise, the utmost durability, complete ventilation, and, finally, a production of a genial and healthful warmth, more closely analogous to the pure breath of summer than can possibly be obtained by any other system for the creation of artificial heat, and, unlike other artificial heat, neither health nor furniture is in any way or degree impaired by it. An elaborate description of the apparatus would exceed our available space; it is sufficient to say, however, that it combines the result of many years of practical familiarity with the subject of steam-heating, and presents in its prominent features all that is desirable.

F. A. DOOLITTLE.

The beauty and perfection of THE TRIBUNE Building is so largely derived from the exquisitely laid English tiles of the floors throughout the entire structure, that they are worth some special mention here, as a feature sure to be largely introduced in the better class of business buildings of our new era. Far more durable than marble, with a warmth and richness of color no marble can give, nothing can equal them. Those introduced into THE TRIBUNE Building were manufactured by Messrs. Dunnel, Craven & Co., Salop, England, and imported by F. A. Doolittle, No. 163 Washington street, through William Harrison & Sons, 131 Upper Thames street, London, England. The tiles are laid in the best hydraulic cement, and are immovable and imperishable once in place. For offices and vestibules, they are absolutely unequalled. We are not surprised to note how rapidly they are extending in favor and adoption. Besides THE TRIBUNE Building, Mr. Doolittle will have on his list the *Times* Building, the Chicago Water Works offices, which are to be notably beautiful, and quite a number of leading banking and private offices. Every visitor admires them, and those who are in their daily use never cease to be delighted with their smoothness and pleasing tone, which latter can be carried, when desired, into the highest ornamental effects. The facilities of Mr. Doolittle are now such that he can add acres of these superb floors to the new features of our city. The original perfection of the tile is, in his charge, well associated with scrupulous care in handling, and no slighted job passes from his hands, and his confidence is that, years hence, THE TRIBUNE tiles will be found as smooth and solid as to-day. In this connection, another branch of Mr. Doolittle's business deserves mention, for its especial relation to our reconstruction, particularly in the better class of homes. He is largely importing the beautiful Gurnkirk or Scotch chimney tops, which have no equals in their feature of exterior finish and utility. It is a noteworthy fact that the world's best building material and building features are seeking Chicago, and the result will make her shining among the world's most notable cities, and Mr. Doolittle has taken a handsome share in the movement, as will be seen.

UNION FOUNDRY.

The curru gated ceilings, wrought-iron beams and girders, vaults and vault-doors, columns, sill-plates, lintels, etc., in THE TRIBUNE Building were furnished and put in their places by the Union Foundry Works, on the corner of Fifteenth and Dearborn streets.

S. I. RUSSELL.

S. I. Russell, corner of Fulton and Desplaines streets, manufactures sash, doors, and all kinds of hardwood-finish, namely: walnut, ash, butternut, etc., suitable for churches, offices, and residences. The First Congregational and Union Park Churches were fitted up by him; the inside work of these edifices is acknowledged by all competent judges to be as fine specimens of workmanship as can be found in the country. In the business portion of the city, the TRIBUNE Building, the Miller & Fry Block, and numerous others, bear witness of his skill, and show what taste, combined with a thorough knowledge of the business, assisted by long experience, can accomplish toward increasing the comfort and beauty of business blocks.

His specialty is the manufacture of Soaper's patent hardwood cornices, designed to supersede stucco cornices, being finer in appearance and of a more durable character; also the fine woodwork of railroad depots and buildings. His facilities for doing any work of this kind are unsurpassed by any manufacturer in the country.

HUGH WATT.

The artisans of Chicago have ever been regarded as an enterprising people, but never was there a time when heads and hands worked with such zeal and rapidity as since the great conflagration of '71. Among the most energetic may be classed Hugh Watt, plumber and gas-fitter, No. 102 Harrison street, who, within the last year, has done the plumbing for the following prominent buildings:

The Pacific Hotel, on the corner of Quincy and Clark streets; THE TRIBUNE Building, corner of Madison and Dearborn streets; the Chamber of Commerce; Open Board Building; Major Block; Oriental Building; Otis Block, on the corner of Madison and LaSalle streets; Otis Block, on the corner of State and Monroe streets; Dow Block, on State street; Keep Brothers' Building, on State street; Keith Brothers' Building, on Madison street; the building of King & Fullerton, on the corner of Washington and Dearborn streets; Fullerton Block, on South Water street; McCormick Block, on the corner of Lake street and Wabash avenue; Cone Bros' Building, on Lake street; Rosenburgh's Building, on Lake street; Schoekopff's Building, on Randolph street; the Singer Building, on the corner of State and Washington streets; Continental Hotel, on the corner of State street and Eldridge court; Farwell's Government Building, Arcade court; Ballord's Building, on the corner of Monroe street and Wabash avenue; Albert Crane's Block, on Monroe street; Rogers' Block, on Dearborn street and Fort Dearborn; Block 57, on Clark street; Walters & Rogers' Block, on River street; J. N. Stine's Building, on the corner of Randolph street and Wabash avenue; McCay's Block, on the corner of Randolph street and Wabash avenue; the Newberry Block on North Wells street; besides a large number of private residences throughout the country and adjoining States. The large amount of work he has done, and is doing, best shows how completely he has won, and still retains, the confidence of the building public.

E. HAMILTON HUNT.

Those who have noticed the elegant bronzed door-knobs, locks, hinges and other hardware fittings with which THE TRIBUNE office and building are furnished may be interested in learning that they were obtained at the BUILDERS' HARDWARE store of E. Hamilton Hunt, at No. 42 State street, who is well supplied with everything in this line required by builders at very reasonable prices. By giving personal attention to every detail of his business he merits, and has received, the confidence of his patrons. Mr. Hunt has been connected with the hardware trade in Chicago nearly seventeen years, and has grown up with the city. Among the more prominent buildings which he has supplied wholly or in part with hardware, he can point to the Superior Block, on Clark street, opposite the Court House, the Honore Block, corner Dearborn and Monroe streets, the Manierre Block, corner of Dearborn and Madison streets, the Hamlin Bros'. Block, on Clark street, opposite the Court House, Aiken's Theatre, the United States Marine Hospital, at Lake View, Hon. C. B. Farwell's building, on Washington street, near La Salle, Mr. Nelson Ludington's elegant residence on Calumet avenue, and Mr. Murry Nelson's beautiful house, on Indiana avenue.

MARBLE WORK.

The Chicago Marble Manufacturing Company, Nos. 713 and 715 Wabash avenue, is managed by O. Sherman, a gentleman whose ability and extensive experience well qualify him for the position he holds, as the vast amount of artistic marble work turned out by this establishment will testify. Among the large number of buildings furnished with mantels and marble work in a general way may be mentioned the following: THE TRIBUNE Building, the Pacific Hotel, the new Sherman House, the Gardner House, and the Matteson House, these several hotels requiring over 800 mantels. Their work may also be seen in the leading business establishments of the city, and persons having a taste for the artistic achievement may be gratified by paying a visit to Roddin & Hamilton's and Matson & Co.'s jewelry stores, Gunther's celebraied candy store, "Wolford's," and Foley's, on Clark street. The marble-work in all these is well worth a visit of mere curiosity, and certainly a short tour of inspection by all who desire to know the style and taste of this Company's work.

The palatial residences of Chicago, prominent among which are those of W. F. Coolbaugh, E. Lehmann, Amos T. Hall, O. F. Fuller, Louis Wahl, are indebted to this firm for the features of utility and luxury in this line.

This Company was the first in its branch of business to recover, and got their men to work, after the great conflagration of '71, and they have continued to make improvements in their buildings and machinery ever since.

Notwithstanding the great demand for their work and the unceasing efforts they have been compelled to make, their facilities are yet such as to enable them to turn out from four to five hundred mantels per month, in addition to which they have not allowed their country trade to suffer, immense as it is, extending to all the principle towns of the Northwest.

The associates of the Chicago Marble Company rank among the oldest and most esteemed citizens of the West, and owe their great success to fair prices, honest work, high excellence of material and workmanship. They did not meet the demands following the fire with enormous prices for their work, but acted entirely upon the principle they had adopted from the first, to be content with a fair profit, and their work everywhere speaks for them.

THE FIRST OF THE TRIBUNES.

The central position of THE TRIBUNE Building has caused it to be early sought by those who desire only such location for their offices and business. The stores and basements on Dearborn and Madison streets, and the elegant offices, whose plate-glass windows look out upon these streets; the several floors, largely equalized by the passenger elevator in use at all hours, are already numerously occupied by tenants, most of them long familiar names in Chicago. A reference to them will be in keeping with our sketch.

W. C. DOW,

who is in charge of the rentals of THE TRIBUNE Building, is a gentleman of long-established experience and reputation, both of which qualities stand him in good stead as a competent and thorough representative of real estate interests in Chicago. His office is at No. 1 Nevada Block.

HASKELL BROTHERS.

The basement store of THE TRIBUNE Building, fronting on Madison and Dearborn streets, is occupied by Haskell Brothers, dealers in trunks, valises, travelling bags, and ladies' satchels. The citizens of Chicago will remember the large trunk store of Messrs. Haskell Brothers under the old Tremont House. This is an old establishment, having been founded in 1865.

Their factory is now located at No. 10 South Peoria street, where a large number of men are constantly employed in the manufacture of trunks and valises of every description.

These gentlemen are now receiving a large stock of goods, which is pronounced by competent judges to be the best in the United States. Their imported English sole-leather trunks are the finest specimens of European manufacture. Persons wishing to procure trunks, valises, merchants' sample trunks, and ladies' dress and travelling trunks of the best quality, will find it to their interest to call upon Haskell Brothers, under THE TRIBUNE building, or at No. 37 West Madison street, under the Sherman House, where they also have a very large establishment.

A. C. VANDERBURGH & CO.

The elegant double store, Nos. 141 and 143 Dearborn street, TRIBUNE Building, is occupied by A. C. Vanderburgh & Co., the well-known North Side druggists, pharmacists, importers, and dealers in fine toilet goods.

Their store is elegantly fitted up with walnut cases for drugs, proprietary articles, fine perfumes, &c. The counter cases are of metal and plate glass, two of which are of one piece of bent glass each, imported expressly for them. These are filled with a complete assortment of imported brushes, shell and ivory combs, portmonnales, &c. In the centre of the store there is a handsome counter and mineral-water apparatus, composed of four different varieties of marble, from which they intend to draw every kind of natural and artificial waters, as their customers may desire. They also have a case filled with a general assortment of fine Havana cigars of their own importation.

Their laboratory and prescription department is also fitted up with every convenience for dispensing and putting up prescriptions equal to any establishment in the West.

As Messrs. Vanderburgh & Co. have opened this elegant store on Dearborn street, and have made great preparations for conducting their business in the best possible style, they will be sure to be found by all their former patrons.

They make a specialty of fine colognes, perfumes, and toilet goods, of which they keep a very complete assortment, and invite their former patrons and others to call and examine their stock before purchasing elsewhere.

W. A. BIGLER & CO.,

No. 90 Madison street, TRIBUNE Building, is occupied by Wm. A. Bigler & Co., dealers in fine watches, diamonds, jewelry, silver and plated-ware. Although this is a new firm, yet it is conducted in the most proper style, Mr. Bigler having served for a number of years with N. Matson & Co. They have spared no cost to make their firm one of the finest in Chicago. All their stock is of the finest quality, and from the elegant manner in which their store is furnished, in which the walls are decorated with paintings, and from the manner in which every department is arranged, so as to attract and please those who should chance to call upon them, we judge Mr. Bigler & Co. to be not only competent jewellers, but men of fine artistic taste, who have made it a study to do everything to please and gratify their customers. The cases are all mounted in French plate glass; the side cases are of fine cabinet finish, mounted in plate glass, lined with crimson velvet and elegantly decorated with silver-plated ware. Wm. A. Bigler & Co. do not advertise to sell goods at *actual cost*, but they actually sell goods for less money than the same articles can be purchased elsewhere.

All persons wishing to obtain diamonds, jewelry and silverware of the finest quality, will find it to their interest to call upon Wm. A. Bigler & Co., before purchasing elsewhere.

J. W. D. KELLEY & BRO.

No. 88 Madison street, TRIBUNE Building, is occupied by J. W. D. Kelley & Bro. (at 164 Lake street before the fire), dealers in fancy hardware, skates, fine cutlery, base-ball, cricket, sporting, and gymnastic goods; also, sole agents for Torrey's Patent Weather-Strips, and manufacturers of patent corner wire window-screens.

J. M. MORA & CO.

The south corner store of THE TRIBUNE Building (No. 86 Madison street), is occupied by J. M. Mora & Co., manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in fine Cuban cigars. This firm have their factory at No. 69 Water street, N. Y., where they employ a large number of men, all Cubans, in the manufacture of their cigars. All of their tobacco, which is of the finest quality, is imported direct from Cuba. The cigars that are manufactured by this firm are in every respect equal to the finest brands of the imported article, and are pronounced the handsomest cigars in the trade, and their jobbing and retail prices are far below those of the importers, the duty on the raw material being so much less than on the manufactured cigars. This branch of the firm of J. M. Mora & Co., is conducted by the resident partner, F. H. S. Vanderveort, who for years has been known in Chicago as a perfect gentleman and a man who will deal fairly with his patrons. The consumers of fine material in this line will find it to their interest to call upon J. M. Mora & Co., No. 86 Madison street, before purchasing elsewhere.

WRIGHT & TYRRELL.

Among the tenants in the first TRIBUNE Building were Messrs. Wright & Tyrrell, Real Estate and Loan Agents, the oldest in their branch of business in the city. The fire-proof qualities of the building, much as they disappointed expectation and experience in the unparalleled test of the great fire, stood this firm at least in good stead. Ten days after the fire, their vault was opened, and, like all the other vaults in the building, gave up its contents unharmed. The contents were, as may be imagined, of immense value, of vast importance, both to our residents and to capitalists abroad. Securities to the amount of millions, records of a loan business covering the most active and important period of our growth, reaching many millions in amount, were safe, and gave to Messrs. Wright & Tyrrell the advantage few of our business men enjoyed of immediate resumption of business without the loss of books and papers, that would have been in their case irreparable. The firm is one that appreciates such an exemption. Careful, methodical, solid, scrupulous in minutest points, they have been spared the serious disaster of a break in their office records, that now cover a period of twenty-five years' relation to our local real estate values and securities. There are none in Chicago who have a riper and sounder judgment as to the precise character of this class of securities, and one uniform testimony has followed their transactions as agents—they have never disappointed a principal, while, without pique or private bias as to localities, they have made the broad map of Chicago their field of study, and brought untold millions into its development. Their relations with leading capitalists in Europe and in this country are long established, and only to be won by a record like theirs. They loaned nearly four millions on Chicago real estate in the season of our Great Rebuilding. Of course they believe in Chicago, and it would be difficult to find two gentlemen who have done more to create and maintain confidence in Chicago abroad than Messrs. Wright & Tyrrell, who may be found in Room No. 2, second story of the new TRIBUNE Building.

THE CHARTER OAK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Room 1, on the second floor, is occupied by the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. The Charter Oak was organized in 1850. Its assets are $11,000,000. This old and successful institution transacts the Life Insurance business according to all the usual plans, and at much lower rates than other MUTUAL COMPANIES. It also presents to the public an entirely new plan, known as DEPOSIT INSURANCE, which is far superior to any Tontine or other system upon which the payment of property is deferred. The attention of the public is called to this as containing features of unequalled excellence. Circulars can be obtained from the Company or any of its agents. Though the premium tables are much lower than those of the other mutual companies, they are not quite so low as those attempted by the Mutual Life, and given up in the recent insurance war in New York.

As this agency is known throughout the Western States to be one of reliability, and of long standing, the citizens of Chicago who desire anything in the Life Insurance line will find it to their interest to call on the General Agents, Messrs. Wells & Mason, at No. 1, second floor, TRIBUNE Building, before calling elsewhere.

GUSTIN, WALLACE & CO.,

a new real estate firm, who pay particular attention to making investment for non-residents and loaning funds on real estate securities. In a part of same office is J. T. Dale, Esq., an attorney-at-law, who devotes special attention to the examination of titles and real estate matters.

A. F. NOBLE.

Room 2, second floor TRIBUNE Building, is occupied by A. F. Noble, real estate agent. He owns a large tract of land on the east side of the Rock Island Railroad, fronting on the Lake Boulevard and Halsted street, and adjacent to the depot at South Englewood, Mr. Noble is making great improvements on this land in the way of handsome residences, which he proposes to sell on monthly, quarterly, and yearly payments. Houses will be built on plans or specifications furnished by purchasers whenever they may desire. Quite a number of fine residences are already under contract, and will be completed as soon as the weather will admit. Also vacant lots of any size will be sold on the above terms. All persons desiring to purchase lots, or good and handsome houses, at low rates, will save money by calling at Room 2, second floor, TRIBUNE Building.

AMERICAN WATCH COMPANY,

Room No. 5, second floor, is occupied by Robbins & Appleton, Western Agents for the sale of the American watches manufactured at Waltham, Mass. Their office is fitted up very elegantly, and they are prepared to carry on their business in grand style.

L. CURRY & CO.,

Room No. 7, second floor of THE TRIBUNE Building, is occupied by L. Curry & Co., publishers of the *Quarterly Business Directory*, and J. W. Dean, publisher of the *Chicago Librarian*, who receives and fills orders for printing and stationery.

UNITED STATES LAW ASSOCIATION.

Corner office, on the third floor, is occupied by the United States Law Association and Collection Union, of which Messrs. Fairchild and Blackman are Directors.

These gentlemen are known to the citizens of Chicago to possess reliability, experience, and ability. The Association they represent comprises a member in each of the counties of the United States, the Canadas, and principal cities of Europe. They have unsurpassed facilities for the transaction of business at any point, near or remote. Their list of members comprises some of the ablest and most distinguished lawyers in the country. This institution is of the greatest advantage to our business community in the collection and securing of debts, and in the transaction of all legal business at any point. They refer to a large number of the best houses in the city as their clients and patrons, and the recommendations they have from them establish the fact that they are able, prompt, and reliable.

HUTCHINSON & LUFF.

Room 20, third floor, is occupied by the law firm of Hutchinson & Luff. They have three of the best arranged and most complete law offices in the city. They do a general law business, practising in all the Courts, and give special attention to real property law, loans on real estate, and collections.

This firm is entitled to, and receives, the confidence of the business community.

J. GOLLMAN.

The corner room in the fourth story of THE TRIBUNE Building has been transformed into a gem of a studio by Mr. Gollman, and is pronounced by the skilled in art matters perfect in light and arrangement. Mr. Gollman's skill and reputation in his profession deserve such an adjunct as his studio affords. Since the fire he has passed some time in Europe, and his return to this city has been welcomed by numerous orders. In his hands are several portraits of well-known citizens, John Crerar, P. A. Hall, Dr. Powell, and members of the household of some of our best residents. Mr. Gollman's work in oil, crayon, and pastel is of very high order, as shown by his patronage among those whose taste and means enable them to command the best. For delicacy of finish, skilful handling, and fidelity of protraiture, Mr. Gollman has been ranked with Mr. Healy, and this is high praise, yet we believe it entirely just.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

What Did It?—Is no longer the question since the introduction of the Centaur Liniment. When we meet an old friend who has been shelved with rheumatism, or see a person mangled underneath a rail car and restored to shape and comeliness, we now know that it is the Centaur Liniment that does the work. No other article ever did perform such miracles. There is no swelling it will not soften, no pain it will not soothe, or lameness it will not cure.

CENTAUR

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. It regulates the stomach, cures wind colic and causes natural sleep. Is a substitute for castor oil.

Best Food for Infants.

"R. R. H. Prince Albert Victor thrives so well upon it that it must be very good."—T. M. Kendall, Medical Attendant to H. R. Highness the Princess of Wales. "This food resembles Mother's Milk as closely as possible."—Dr. H. Barker on Hicks Foods for Infants. "Highly nourishing and easily digested."—Dr. Hassall. It combines the most valuable Fluid and Bone-forming Substances, and differs essentially from other farinaceous foods, which, being quite unable to afford proper nourishment to a growing infant, frequently lead to a rickety and infantile condition. Savory & Moore's preparation has also the advantage of being freed from the ground husk of the corn, which produces irritation of the bowels and intractable diarrhœa. No boiling or straining required. Sold in tins. Prepared by Savory & Moore, 143 New Bond-st., London. Procurable of all chemists, druggists and storekeepers throughout the States.

Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup.

SEAWEED TONIC and MANDRAKE PILLS. These are the only medicines that will cure Pulmonary Consumption. Dr. Schenck has been in constant practice over thirty years, continually examining lungs, and knows his medicines, if properly taken, will cure consumption. His Mandrake Pills cleanse the liver and stomach; his Seaweed Tonic dissolves the food, stimulates the coating of the stomach, and aids digestion; his Pulmonic Syrup ripens the matter, and nature throws it off without any exertion. Prepared and for sale by J. H. SCHENCK & SON, N. E. corner Sixth and Arch-sts., Philadelphia, and by druggists and dealers generally.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Mechanics' and Traders' Exchange.

The election of officers takes place at the Exchange Room, 123 LaSalle-st., on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10 o'clock. All those wishing a voice in the management for the ensuing year, must be on hand and sign application for new membership.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 24, 1873.

Notice is hereby given to all persons who may have claims against the Scandinavian National Bank of Chicago, Ill., that they are called upon to present the same, and to make Legal proof thereof, to Joel D. Harvey, Receiver, at the office of said Bank, at Chicago, Ill.

JOHN JAY KNOX,
Comptroller of the Currency.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

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PETER J. HENNESSY and PETER S. WETTERER are this day admitted as partners in our business. Firm name to remain unchanged.

WALSH & HUTCHINSON.

Chicago, Jan. 1, 1873.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Saturday Morning, February 15, 1873.

The report on Senator Caldwell's case has been postponed, at his request, until the return of his counsel to Washington.

Ex-King Amadeus is at Lisbon, where he has royal quarters without the royal responsibilities which he has found so arduous and dangerous.

Representative Wood has failed again in introducing his resolution of congratulation upon the establishment of the Spanish Republic. A similar resolution in the Senate was laid over.

In the debate in the Senate, on the Naval Appropriation bill, it is stated that but a short time ago there was in the navy one commissioned officer for every four men.

Castelar, the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Spanish Republic, will soon put forth an address explaining to other nations the foreign policy of the new Government.

John Gaffney was hanged yesterday at Buffalo for a wanton murder committed in a drunken brawl in one of the worst haunts of that city. In his farewell remarks on the scaffold he confessed his guilt, but pleaded that he was crazed with liquor when he did the killing.

The Speaker of the Lower House of the State Legislature tells the members that they have been sitting five weeks without doing anything. He suggests that night sessions be held and efforts made to accomplish some results before adjournment.

The representatives of the leading freight lines between the East and the West have decided, in conference at New York, not to make any reduction in freight charges. The only through line not a party to this arrangement is the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Prussia has on its hands something very like a Credit Mobilier investigation. Several officers of the Government who were charged with protecting its interests in contracts made by the State railways have permitted or contrived gross frauds. One of the guilty men is said to be a pet of Bismarck's. All of them have been called upon to explain, and resignations are beginning to flow in.

Mr. Colgate, who is the Oakes Ames of the Sherman-Garfield scandal, is reported as having said that, "if he was closely pressed, he would tell the Committee something that would astonish them." The statement contains two significant points: 1. An intimation which is confirmed by several episodes of the recent investigations, that Committees do not always press the witnesses as closely as they might; and 2. That revelations which would astonish a Congressional Committee, after the recent developments in bribery cases, must be of a terrible nature.

The indications are that the Poland Committee will report in favor of the expulsion of Oakes Ames and James Brooks, and whitewash the Congressmen who took Credit Mobilier stock as bribes. It would be a curious distinction to make, but, if it is made, it will have some good as well as bad results. Among the former will probably be a more unreserved statement by Ames of Congressional connection with Credit Mobilier than he has made heretofore. The people will then play the *role* of judge and jury, and whitewashing will become a more difficult undertaking than it seems to be under Congressional patronage.

In President Grant's opinion there is imminent danger of collision between the Mormon authorities and the Federal officers in Utah. He addresses a message on this subject to Congress, in which he says that, while the General Government desires, as far as possible, to leave the minor details of the administration of justice to local authorities, it cannot do so in cases where the result will be a conflict of authority and public disturbance. To prevent a miscarriage of justice, and to maintain the laws of the United States, he thinks that special legislation is needed for Utah. The selection of jurors must be taken out of the hands of those who are determined that no law of Congress, obnoxious to them, shall be executed, and Territorial Courts must be restrained from interfering with Federal Courts.

All the office-holding newspapers are agreed that Mr. Colfax has entirely exculpated himself in the Credit Mobilier investigation—that he has gone round the course without sweating a hair. The Indianapolis *Journal*, however, takes a different view. While accepting as true Mr. Colfax's explanation of the way he received the $1,200, it says that his South Bend speech was a "prevarication." A prevarication is a statement intended to deceive. In this case it was intended to deceive the American people. A prevarication differs from a direct lie in being rather more cowardly,—as leaving to the prevaricator some sort of hole to dart into when detected, instead of standing up like a man and taking his due punishment. We trust that the Indianapolis *Journal* weighed well the word which it employed in characterizing Mr. Colfax's South Bend speech.

Mr. Huntington, Vice President of the Central Pacific Railroad, tells the Credit Mobilier Committee at great length what he does not know about the affairs of that Company. He does not know how many shares he held in the Contract and Finance Company, which was to the Central Pacific what the Credit Mobilier was to the Union Pacific. He does not know what dividends he received from it. He does not know how much that Company owns of the stock of the railroad. He does not know how many stockholders there are in the road, but has an impression that a dozen men control it. He does not know how much its stock is worth. He does not know what profits the Contract and Finance Company made from its contracts. He does not know who awarded the contracts to it. Mr. Huntington evidently believes, with a distinguished philosopher, that knowledge consists in tracing ignorance as far back as possible.

The result of the Electoral vote, as declared by the two Houses of Congress on Wednesday last, was as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT.

Ulysses S. Grant, of Illinois	286
Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana	42
B. Gratz Brown, of Missouri	18
Charles J. Jenkins, of Georgia	2
David Davis, of Illinois	1
Total, as declared	349

Rejected: The whole vote of Arkansas, 6; Louisiana, 8, and 3 votes in Georgia for Horace Greeley, deceased. 17

Total of the Electoral bodies 366

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts	286
B. Gratz Brown, of Missouri	47
George W. Julian, of Indiana	5
Alexander H. Colquitt, of Georgia	6
John M. Palmer, of Illinois	3
Thomas E. Bramlette, of Kentucky	3
Nathaniel P. Banks, of Massachusetts	1
William S. Groesbeck, of Ohio	1
Willis B. Machen, of Kentucky	1
Total as declared	352

Rejected: The vote of Arkansas and Louisiana, as above 14

Total of the Electoral bodies 366

FOR THE VOTE OF STATES.

For Grant and Wilson	29 States
For Greeley and Brown	6 States
Rejected: Arkansas and Louisiana	2 States

The Chicago produce markets were more active yesterday. Mess pork was in good speculative demand, and 10@15c per brl higher, closing at $12.85@12.90 cash, and $13.00@13.05 seller March. Lard was moderately active, and 2½@5c per 100 lbs higher, at $7.37½@7.40 cash, and $7.55@7.57½ seller March. Meats were ¼c per lb higher, at 4¾@4¾c for shoulders, 6¾c for short ribs, 6¾c for short clear, and 8@8¾c per lb for 18-lb green hams. Dressed hogs were 5c per 100 lbs higher, closing at $5.05@5.10. Highwines were in fair demand and steady at 87½c per gallon. Flour was quiet and steady. Wheat was active and 1½c higher, closing firm at $1.23¾ cash, and $1.24½ seller March. Corn was less active, but a shade firmer, closing at 31c cash, and 31¾@31½c seller March. Oats were quiet and ¼c lower, at 26½c cash, and 26¾c seller March. Rye was more active, and firmer, at 65¾@66c. Barley was more active, and closed steady at 63c for cash No. 2, and 63½c for do seller March. The live hog market opened active and firm at yesterday's prices, but closed weak and 5@10c lower, closing rates being $4.25@4.65. Cattle were more active and higher, with sales at $2.50@6.50 for inferior to extra. There was a light demand for sheep, and prices were in buyers' favor.

A private letter from a large operator in Western produce in New York, to a gentleman in this city, states that a measure will be urged before the New York Legislature to restore the tolls on the Erie Canal to the figures of twenty years ago. The tolls now are 3½ cents on wheat, and 2¾ cents on corn. It is proposed to add to this burden 3¼ cents on wheat, and 3 cents on corn. Under the rates of last year, the receipts of the Erie Canal, as shown by the Comptroller's report, were $2,760,147; expenses for salaries and repairs, $1,687,021, showing a surplus of $1,073,126. But this surplus of the main line was all consumed by the political paupers whom the State has quartered on her lateral canals, and their total receipts as well, and $814,373 raised by taxation besides. Doubtless, the patriotic bummers on the lateral canals, who consumed the entire receipts and profits of all her canals and $814,373 in taxes, fear their fellow-citizens will not be willing to stand such a drain on their pockets, and hence this new raid on the commerce of the West. Such an advance in freight charges would induce desperate efforts on the part of all the States and people west of Lake Michigan to open the St. Lawrence route for large sea-going vessels, producing in the end such a reduction of freights as would bring down the tolls of the Erie Canal with a rush. Better by far for her to enlarge her Erie Canal to the largest size possible, make the toll charges only so much as will keep it in order, and close all the lateral canals that cannot be made to pay expenses. Then the Empire State may hope to retain the commerce of the States west of Lake Michigan.

In commenting upon a proposition now before the New York Assembly to build a ship-canal from Fort Edward to Whitehall, thereby connecting Lake Champlain with the Hudson River, and completing an unbroken line of water communication from Lake Michigan to tide-water, the Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says, in effect, that the enlargement of the Welland Canal would be useless unless the St. Lawrence Canals were likewise enlarged. This is true. But the same Journal adds: "As regards the enlargement of the St. Lawrence Canals, that is an improvement which even the imaginative Canadians have not commenced to talk about yet. The canals are cut through solid rock for long distances, and to make them of sufficient capacity to float vessels of 1,200 or 1,500 tons burden, would require the expenditure of a fabulous amount of money, and it would take several years to complete them." The facts are, that the Canadians have been talking about the enlargement of the St. Lawrence Canals for ten years, and that, two years ago, a careful estimate of the feasibility and cost of the undertaking was made under Government authority. The report stated that the Welland, St. Lawrence, Ottawa, and Chambly Canals could be enlarged, and the Bay Verte constructed, for $19,000,000, about one-half of which would be expended upon the Welland Canal alone. This would leave about $6,000,000 as the expense of enlarging the St. Lawrence Canals, which are as follows: The Lachine Canal, 8½ miles long; the Beauharnois Canal at Cascades and Cedar Rapids, 11¼ miles; Cornwall Canal at Long Sault, 14 miles; the Iroquois Canal, at the Galops, 7½ miles, and two small canals, which, together, are 4½ miles long. The whole length of all the canals is 43⅝ miles, with 270 feet of lockage. If, in addition to this, a canal can be constructed by the State of New York for $8,000,000, which would connect Lake Champlain and the Hudson, the whole scheme of making a through water route for large vessels would not involve that "fabulous amount of money" which the *Commercial Advertiser* seems to think that the St. Lawrence Canals would cost. The more intelligent newspapers of New York admit that cheaper transportation from the West is as much to the interest of the East as of the West, and are giving the Welland and St. Lawrence water route serious and favorable consideration.

THE MOST MERITORIOUS SUBSIDY.

There are about fifteen or eighteen bills now pending before Congress, having for their purpose the granting of from $200,000 to $800,000 each per annum to enable somebody to start a line of steamships to carry the mails. If all these bills were to pass,—and there is no reason why one should pass and not all the others,—they would entail on the United States an annual charge for carrying the ocean mails of five or six millions of dollars. Last week, there came a statement that even Senator Logan, of Illinois, sharing the anxiety to have the mails carried cheaply over the ocean, had introduced a bill to subsidize somebody to enable that person to build steamships for the ocean trade.

It is a remarkable fact that never in the history of the United States have the ocean mails been carried so cheaply and with so little delay as now. There are ten or twelve ocean steamers leaving the Atlantic ports every day, and every one of them will carry the mails, asking no compensation beyond the two cents per letter charged for the postage; and, if they were allowed to do so, they would carry the mails for $5, or even $1, a bag. What they receive for carrying the mails is pure profit. In the face of this existing fact, of the transportation of all the foreign mails free of cost, the anxiety of Senators and Representatives to get $4,000,000 or $5,000,000 a year to pay out to somebody for that service is remarkable. We believe Mr. Pomeroy alone is the father of several ocean steamer subsidy bills. He is extremely anxious to pay something extra for carrying the mails, which are now carried free of cost to the Government.

We are opposed to subsidies. We object to taxing the people to build railroads to be owned and managed for the profit of private corporations; we object to taxing the whole country for building steamboats for Jones and Smith; we object to taxing the country to pay Brown $7 a ton on the iron he makes, in addition to his profit. We object to any taxation of the country to guarantee any man, or class of men, a profit on their trade or business. We especially object to taxes to build steamships to carry the ocean mails, when there is a strong competition between the present steamships to carry the mails free of cost to the country. But, if there is to be any subsidizing of anybody for the benefit of any class, we suggest that it be after the following manner:

Corn is now selling in Central Illinois at 18 cents; it is selling in New York at 67 cents, and in London at 92 cents. It costs 49 cents to get it from Illinois to New York, and 25 cents from New York to London. Now we propose, if Congress is to go into the subsidy business at all, that it vote out of the Treasury to any railroad, that will carry corn from Illinois to New York at 20 cents per bushel, a subsidy equal to 29 cents for every bushel it shall carry; and that it vote to every steamship carrying corn from New York to London a subsidy equal to 20 cents per bushel. In this way the purchaser will pay 34 cents freight on his corn from Illinois to London, and the Government will pay 40 cents. The price of corn remaining the same in England, our people, instead of receiving 18 cents per bushel, will receive 43 cents per bushel. According to high authority, the 25 cents per bushel we now pay for freights on corn from New York to London is so much national wealth cast into the sea, and, as we exported last year 34,000,000 of bushels of corn, we will save from the depths of the ocean a sum equal to 20 cents per bushel on perhaps three times that amount. It is the settled policy of this Government that, whenever a man has a small workshop to make corset eyelets, or to grind Peruvian bark, or mustard, or to make shoe-laces or shoe-bindings, and he cannot make any money because other articles of the same kind can be purchased for less money, the Government must levy a tax upon the whole people in order that this person, engaged in a non-paying business, may have large profits therefrom. Ever since 1861, the ingenuity of Congress has been perplexed to find out persons engaged in non-productive occupations, that it may levy taxes upon the whole people, to pay over to these unfortunate toilers to make them rich.

Now, in carrying out this policy, we come to the producers of corn. We have before us the exhibit of a farmer in Illinois, who last year produced 30,000 bushels of corn. This corn he sold at the nearest station for 19 cents per bushel, it being of fine quality. His account stood thus:

Sold 30,000 bushels of corn at 19c	$5,700
Cost of corn in crib at 13c	$3,900
Cost of shelling, etc., at 1½c	450
Hauling to railroad station at 3c	900
	5,250
Excess of receipts	$450

From this $450 he had to pay for his own labor, care, and time, purchase of horses and implements, pay taxes on the large farm, repair his fences, and cover interest on the value of his land and improvements. Of course he is largely out of pocket. He cannot go on with his business without ruin. He must be subsidized or perish. When the price of iron falls, the clarion voice of Kelley is heard announcing that unless there be a subsidy instantly voted the furnaces of Pennsylvania will be put out, and Congress hastens to vote fifteen or twenty millions a year to pay these gentlemen for not putting out their furnaces. But now the whole Valley of the Mississippi must stop planting corn, and why not subsidize the producers of corn as well as the producers of iron? We, insist therefore, that if there is to be any more subsidizing from the Treasury, that it shall be in behalf of the producers of corn. Let the Government pay two-thirds of the freight on corn to New York, and four-fifths of the ocean freight to London, and, though the subsidy will be a large one, it will be in favor of a class that has heretofore paid all other subsidies, and has never yet received a penny. Let us have an American line of American steamers, devoted exclusively to carrying American corn! Let us have the National Treasury pay to the railroads, instead of to Oakes Ames and his wretched gang of corruptionists, the freight on American corn from the farm-yard to the ocean. The steamers that carry the corn can afford to carry the mails for nothing, and let the American flag float proudly over this great realization of subsidy as a principle of political economy.

We hope that some Senator or Representative, when these steamship subsidy bills come up, will move to strike out the expenditure for carrying the mails, and insert one for carrying corn. We have many tens of millions of bushels of corn to sell, if Congress will only pay the overland and ocean freights. We can feed all Europe. If Congress will only provide railroads and steamships to carry this corn at the public expense, we of the West will guarantee to double our corn crops every year, and become, through the operation of the subsidy and tariff business, the wonder of the world.

CHEAP FREIGHTS EAST.

We cheerfully give place to the following note from a gentleman who for nearly half a century has been actively engaged in our lake commerce:

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I notice an article in your issue of this morning headed, "Cheap Freights East." In it you call upon the different railway companies centering in this city from the West, to interest themselves in the enlargement of the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals, or the building of the Georgian Bay Canal. Now it strikes me that a better policy for those roads to pursue would be to build 20 or 30 steamers of the large capacity of some now running between this city and Buffalo, and run them under their own management. It is proven that such steamers can make good dividends by a charge of 5 cents per bushel. Rest assured that by the time they are ready the Erie canal will be so enlarged as to add 25 per cent to its capacity. Furthermore, the Central Railroad will soon have laid down two new tracks; the Erie, a third rail; the Midland will also be extended to Buffalo; and the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia Road will soon be opened to a connection with the Pennsylvania Central, forming a new line from Lake Erie to New York. This makes one road with four tracks; three roads with one track, besides the Erie Canal, which, despite reports to the contrary, I assert has never yet been taxed to its utmost capacity.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 12, 1873.

The suggestion that our railway lines build large steamers to carry grain to Buffalo at cheap rates is worthy of careful consideration by their managers. The New York Central and the Grand Trunk have had a line of propellers in successful operation for several years past. They have the advantage of a certainty of freights Westward from those roads, and there has been no lack of Eastern-bound cargoes. Is not the control of some railway from Buffalo to the seaboard essential to the success of the plan proposed by our correspondent to our Western railway managers? Is not the scheme already concluded by the propeller lines of the Erie and the New York Central Railways? But that must be left for the railway managers to decide.

The new tracks on the New York Central Railway and the lines noticed by our correspondent will afford some relief and add much-needed facilities to Western commerce. But they are entirely inadequate to its wants. Freights by lake and canal last year, or by propeller to Buffalo, and rail to New York, were 23.4 cents for corn, and 25.2 cents for wheat. By rail and canal, including handling at Buffalo, they were 23 to 25 cents. Owing to the pressure of an immense crop and inadequate means of shipment, the rates were from 3 to 5 cents above the usual figures of former years. With our increased production and consequent fall in prices, still cheaper freight than the railways can ever give us, or probably the enlarged Erie Canal as well, must be secured in order to afford our farmers a reasonable reward for their toil. The trouble will always be found between Lake Michigan and the seaboard till the St. Lawrence route, for vessels of 1,000 or 1,200 tons burden, is open to the commerce of the West. By that we can certainly lay down a bushel of wheat or corn at tide-water for about 12 to 14 cents, and place it on the docks at Liverpool for about 20 cents. And besides, the channel will have a capacity adequate to the magnitude of our commerce. All the railways that can be built Eastward must still leave the opening of this great highway a pressing necessity to the prosperity of the railways and the people living west of Lake Michigan. How that can be done in the shortest time is the problem of the hour.

HARLAN'S ABSURDITY.

And now comes Mr. Harlan to the confessional, and seeks to relieve his conscience, and obtain absolution, by explaining how he happened to have $10,000 of Mr. Durant's money in his pocket, when he was Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Durant, at that time, being Vice President and Acting Manager of the Union Pacific Road. There have been many remarkable displays of twistings, and turnings, and some astonishing exhibitions of agility in creeping out of small holes, since the Credit Mobilier investigations were first instituted, but Mr. Harlan has shown an ability for going in larger and coming out thinner, which has not been surpassed by any other one of the victims of Oakes Ames and Credit Mobilier. In delivering himself of this very remarkable confession, Mr. Harlan has probably satisfied but one person in the United States of his innocence, and that person is Mr. Harlan. At the outset, Mr. Harlan makes the admission that, in reply to Mr. Durant's question whether he felt any interest in the Iowa election of 1865, he replied that he did; whereupon Mr. Durant replied that if he needed any help he would furnish it. Mr. Harlan took good care to notify Mr. Durant of his promise, and the contribution was immediately forthcoming in the form of checks made payable to Mr. Harlan's order, which he indorsed and negotiated in New York. This much Mr. Harlan confesses, although his memory is so treacherous that he cannot remember whether it was $10,000 or $5,000. This, however, is immaterial. The principle involved is all the same. Having proceeded thus far, Mr. Harlan appears in the *role* of the "Artful Dodger." First, he seeks to make it appear that the contribution came from Mr. Durant personally, and not from the treasury of the Company; and, with a meekness and complacency worthy of a saint, desires it to be understood that if it had been made by the Company through Mr. Durant, then it would have been his duty to have restored it at once. Impressed with this belief, he consulted such authorities as Oakes Ames and John B. Alley, and was assured by these two veracious gentlemen that it couldn't have been so, whereupon Mr. Harlan was satisfied. But does Mr. Harlan suppose, or does he imagine that any one supposes, that Messrs. Ames and Alley would have acknowledged that the contribution came from the Company? Does Mr. Harlan suppose or imagine that any one supposes that Mr. Durant was personally interested to such a degree in the Iowa election as to take $10,000 out of his pocket and give it to Mr. Harlan? It will take a more astute special pleader than Mr. Harlan to convince people that Mr. Durant, Vice President of the Union Pacific Road, who had no private axes to grind in the Iowa election, would deliberately give him $10,000 out of his own pocket, without charging it to the Company, who had a great many axes to grind in every State election in 1865.

It may be assumed, as a general rule of action, that men, especially Vice Presidents and managers of railroads, do not give away $10,000 without expecting some consideration for it. Any other assumption would involve a degree of generosity too sublime for terrestrial consideration. Mr. Harlan says when he received this money he was Secretary of the Interior. For what purpose was $10,000 given by Mr. Durant to the Secretary of the Interior? Surely for an equivalent. What was that equivalent? Surely, official acts as Secretary of the Interior. Any other construction of this business operation would be a contradiction of one of the first principles of human nature. Mr. Durant, as we have said, had no personal interest in the Iowa election. As Vice President of the Union Pacific, however, he did have an interest in the Iowa election, and a very lively interest in the Secretary of the Interior. He could best express his interest, indeed, in the Iowa election, by taking $10,000 worth of interest in the Secretary, as the latter had already informed him how much he was interested in that election. Mr. Harlan indeed seems to have taken it for granted that the public might accept this view of the transaction, and seeks to break its force by declaring that under the law, as fast as the contractors finished forty miles of road, they reported to the President, who sent out Commissioners to examine and accept it, whereupon the Company became entitled to the land-grants and bonds. This is the feeblest and lamest plea in defence which has yet been offered by any of the officials implicated in corruptions. It is the truth, with a falsehood coiled snugly in the centre of it. Mr. Harlan well knows that the Secretary of the Interior acts upon his own motion in all matters pertaining to his own department, the same as the other Secretaries in their respective departments. He himself sends out the Commissioners. They report to him, and he accepts for the President. The President does not perform the work of the Secretary of the Interior, and does not interfere with it. Such a plea as this virtually amounts to a concession of guilt in the premises. If Mr. Harlan had no other excuse to make than that Mr. Durant could not have expected any consideration for his contribution, and that he, as Secretary of the Interior, could not have rendered him any equivalent for the money, he had much better have kept his mouth closed entirely. Of what possible value was it to Mr. Durant to know that Mr. Harlan was interested in the Iowa election, and pay him $10,000 for the information, if Mr. Durant did not expect some consideration from him as Secretary of the Interior, for the benefit of the Pacific Road? The absurdity of Mr. Harlan's statement is only equalled by the rankness of the hypocrisy which is revealed through its thin texture. He must try again before he can clear himself of Mr. Durant's ten-thousand-dollar douceur.

NOTES AND OPINION.

Two Administration papers at DesMoines, the *Register* and the *Republican*, organs of opposing factions, are going into action full shotted with damaging facts (if each can be believed) concerning corruptions in the Republican party; and, if the warfare does not stop—"for the sake of the cause,"—there will be a memorable list of killed and wounded. The 60,000 Republican majority in Iowa is greatly endangered by these things.

—The Davenport *Gazette* (Administration) forecasts the future, and says:

It is quite clear that the control of railroad fares and freight will be the issue on which the next Legislature [of Iowa] will be chosen. The law is bound to go on the statute-book, either now or a year hence.

—The Buffalo *Express* (Administration) says:

The first thing to be done is to stop bribery. The country and the Republican party have both got about to the "jumping-off place" in such matters. A little way ahead is ruin for both.

—We quote from a Washington letter in the Portland *Oregonian*, which names among Oregonians in town:

Colonel W. W. Chapman, President of the Portland, Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad, who is determined to keep that enterprise before the public as an important and national work, which it is. As the Colonel was a delegate from Iowa thirty-five years ago, he still has the privilege of the floor, and enjoys being among the members. The Hon. George E. Cole, who was formerly delegate from Washington, is interested with Chapman, and has the same privilege.

—Through the action of a South Carolina Judge, the trial of Senator-elect Patterson, of that State, has been postponed for one year.

—The Boston *Advertiser*, an organ of the Administration, says:

Senator Pomeroy's denial of the charge of bribery is as broad and sweeping as the charge itself. If he can sustain his denial by evidence, the Senate will have an account to settle with his accusator.

—In addressing a body of Ohio Republicans, in Columbus, the 12th, Governor Noyes, who hopes to be re-elected next October, felicitated his friends on being rid of a list of persons named, saying:

Think of it! In Massachusetts, Charles Sumner, one of the ablest, perhaps one of the purest, party leaders; General Banks, another able leader; in New York, Mr. Fenton, and that distinguished journalist whose tragic end makes it difficult to speak of him without tears; in Ohio, men equally admired and trusted by the party; in Illinois, Mr. Trumbull and General Palmer; in Missouri, the eloquent Schurz. They came to the precipice, they leaned over into the vortex, under a plunge; there was a ripple over their dead bodies, and the Republican party went right on to victory. [Applause.]

How thankful the Republican party should be, to be sure, that, after such losses, Henry Wilson, Oakes Ames, Colfax, Harlan, Pomeroy, Caldwell, the two Pattersons, and "men equally admired and trusted," are spared alive.

—In fixing up the election returns of Arkansas last November, it was necessary to make Grant's majority more than 3,000 in order to save all the candidates on the State ticket, some of whom (and, most important, the candidates for Supreme Judges) had run far behind. Besides, 3,146 majority for Grant looked imposing. It was an oversight, perhaps, that Colonel Hynes, Liberal, who ran ahead of his ticket, was permitted to have 246 majority for Congress-at-Large, by which majority he has been declared elected. But the votes in the three separate districts for Congress have never been officially counted and declared, or had not been Feb. 10, on which day a resolution of inquiry was introduced in the Legislature. The trouble is, that the Congressional district votes will expose the fraud in the State vote, and, besides, some blundering "adjuster" has made sorry work of the returns committed to him.

—Lieutenant Governor Mueller, of Ohio, has determined to withdraw from the field of politics.

—The New York *Commercial Advertiser* has been giving the whole of its strict Administration-supporting energies to the Credit Mobilier question with the following result:

It will be remembered that public opinion was "suspended" some time ago at the request of Brothers Pomeroy and Colfax. Information reaches us that within the last two or three days it has been cut down and found to be in exactly the same condition as when it was hung up.

—Short as is the time since the Presidential election, the masses begin to see that the cause of Liberal Reform was not only right in itself, but its representative men alone were capable of vindicating the integrity and honor of the country. Were the vote to be taken over again now, the popular verdict would be nearly unanimously reversed.—*St. Paul Pioneer.*

—In late years Senators have become the creatures of powerful corporations. They are made and unmade by them. The Senate is filling up with inferior men, who, having reached office corruptly, will thereafter legislate corruptly. If they were the tools of corporations before election, they will be nothing less afterward.—*San Francisco Bulletin (Administration).*

—The people are honest, whatever the politicians may be. And, if our public men can no longer be trusted in places of power, let them be thrust out and honester men be put in their places.—*Rock Island Union (Postmaster).*

—Among the miscellaneous appropriations reported to the House last Tuesday, we find an item of $200,000 "for the preservation of army clothing and equipage." According to a Washington telegram, the Committee which recommends this appropriation has discovered that the change of uniform of the army last fall involves a loss on sale as refuse of about $9,000,000 worth of uniforms previously manufactured and now on hand. As this loss falls on the popular pocket, the proprietors of that pocket would like to know why the old style of uniform was not adhered to, at least until the old stock on hand was exhausted? Who is responsible for the clumsy management which leaves $9,000,000 worth of material to be sold for a song because the War Department has decreed it out of fashion? And what guaranty have we that the present uniform will not be abandoned in a few years, and thus throw $9,000,000 more in old clothes on the market? Where is Belknap? Let him rise and explain.—*St. Louis Republican.*

—There is a neat little family affair or ring in the Treasury Department that is exceedingly interesting. The head of this is the great Syndicate himself, the financial grocer of Groton. A Mr. Hammond, Custodian of Dies, is a cousin to the financial G. M., Mr. Hammond is a superannuated banker, but as Custodian he will do. Mr. Beamis, Superintendent of paper mills where the famous fibre paper is manufactured, is a brother-in-law of the financial G. of G. Then we find that Mr. McCartee is blessed in the same way. The chief clerk or bookkeeper is McCartee's brother. Mr. Williams, niece and finisher of bonds, is full cousin of Mr. Mc. Now, considering the rule that no two of a family can hold places in the Treasury, here are two families pretty well provided for, and the Civil Service Reform somewhat scoffed at.—*Washington Capital.*

AN ERROR CORRECTED.

Important Decision by the Illinois Supreme Court.

The City Cannot Sell Its Own Property for Taxes.

The subjoined decision, recently delivered by Justice Walker, of the Supreme Court, will be found to be of interest, as it settles the question that the city has no right to sell its own property for taxes. The title of the case was, "George Taylor, Comptroller of the City of Chicago, *vs.* the People, *ex rel.* W. K. Reed," an appeal from the Circuit Court of Cook County:

This was a proceeding by mandamus, instituted by appellee in the Circuit Court of Cook County, against the Comptroller of the City of Chicago, to compel the payment of a sum of money to appellee. It appears from the record that the Board of Public Works levied a special assessment on a lot belonging to the city. It not having been paid, it was advertised, and other steps taken, which resulted in a sale of the lot for the satisfaction of the assessment, and it was purchased by one John Forsythe for $129.28, the amount of the assessment imposed upon this lot and costs; that on making this sale, the City Collector gave to him a certificate of purchase of the premises; that afterwards, and before the time allowed for redemption had expired, Forsythe made and assigned the certificate of purchase to relator; that before the expiration of two years from the time the sale was made, the City Comptroller directed the Treasurer to transfer from the general fund of the city $344.46 and credit the same to the personal redemption fund, and he received the Treasurer's voucher therefor, and filed the same in his office, and made an entry of the facts on the records of his office; that subsequently relator surrendered his certificate of purchase to the Comptroller, and demanded of him a warrant on the Treasurer for double the amount of the purchase money paid at the sale of the lot, but he refused to draw such a warrant in favor of relator; that the money thus ordered to be transferred by the Comptroller from the general to the personal fund cannot be paid out of the Treasury except on the warrant of the Comptroller. The Court below having sustained a demurrer to the return from which these facts appear, a judgment awarding a peremptory writ of mandamus was rendered, and defendant brings the case to this Court on appeal.

There is no express provision of the charter of the city which authorizes the taxing of special assessments for improvements to be made on the real estate of the city, and from the very nature and the purpose of creating such a body we cannot imply such a power. The city and its officers would, in the absence of such express authority, have no power to tax its property for the purpose of raising revenue for the city; nor can it impose such a burden as assessments for improvements on the streets. The charter has required the city, out of its Treasury, to pay such portion of the expenses of such improvements as cannot be levied on property benefited thereby, and in levying the assessment, an estimate should be made of the benefits that will be derived by the real estate owned by the city from the construction of the improvement; but in such cases the money cannot be assessed upon, or made out of, the city property. It should be directly paid by the Treasury, and thus bear its due proportion of the expense. It is true, in the case of Scammon *v.* the City of Chicago, 41 Ill., 203, it was said that the real estate of the city benefited by such an improvement should be assessed, but we did not say, nor do we intend to say, that it should be advertised and sold like property of individuals, which assessment is made when the amount is ascertained which shall be paid for the improvement by the city out of the general fund. When this sale was made, the city charter provided "that no property belonging to the City of Chicago should be sold or conveyed, except upon a vote of three-fourths of all the Aldermen by law authorized to be elected." How can it be contended that the officers may dispense with the strictest of the statutes either intentionally or through negligence or incompetency? As a general rule of uniform application, an act cannot be done indirectly which is prohibited from being done directly. It is subject to no such reproach, and that its provisions may be evaded, and its requirements thus disregarded. The officers who acted in this case could not directly sell this property, nor could they instruct others for the purpose, or which would produce that result. The only means by which the city or its officers could sell this property was in the manner pointed out in the charter. The officers acted without power, and all of the proceedings by him were without warrant and void. Hence the purchaser acquired no lien on the property. In the case of the City of Chicago *v.* Hazlett, 29 Ill. 506, it was held that *fair* tactics execution could not be issued against a municipal corporation. And this sale was made under if not special *fair* tactics, under process which answers the same purpose, and is intended to produce similar results; the sale and divestiture of title in case a redemption is not made.

But it is urged that the city having, through its officers, made the assessment, given the notice, applied for and obtained judgment, and made the sale, it is estopped from denying the power and escaping liability, as though they had possessed full power. As a general rule, so far as we know, the acts of an officer which are prohibited by law are utterly void and impose no liability, and estop no one, whether officers or strangers. These acts being void in their inception, remain so, and no rights can be acquired under them. At such a sale, the rule of *caveat emptor* applies, and it is the purchaser's duty to see that there is power to make the sale, and the character of rights, if any, he acquires thereby. But the city or its officers have no right to protect themselves by their unauthorized acts in acquiring and holding money to which they are not entitled. To permit them to do so would be to sanction wrong, if not fraud. The city, by the illegal acts of the officers, has in its Treasury the money paid on the purchase of this lot, and it

BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

An Interior View of Italian Opera Management.

Interview with Mr. Max Maretzek.

History of His Difficulty with Lucca's Agent:

The Ex-London Manager's Career in America.

The attendance at McVicker's Theatre during the recent season shows the interest felt in opera, as it is observed superficially. Of the private life of operatic people but little is apparent to the general public. The singer is only seen warbling his costly notes in the foreground of gorgeous scenery, arranged in tights, spangles, silk, purple and fine linen. His history is veiled in obscurity; his business connections with the troupe, his loves, hopes, fears, jealousies, are as a sealed book to the spectator who occupies the high-priced seat in the parquet or dress-circle. Exactly how the tenor is transformed from a king, duke, bandit, or peasant to an ordinary citizen, no one knows. How the prima donna, who emerges upon the stage like a butterfly from its cocoon, again becomes a common woman in the simplest attire, coolly selecting the bone for her soup, or the joint for the prandial roast, is a matter of indifference so long as her last cadence lingers sweetly in the ear. Operatic people have the reputation of being sensitive as to their own rights and privileges, and a little jealous of their associates. Rumors of their differences occasionally reach the public, and now and then when there is a *contretemps*, when an opera is changed for the alleged illness of an artist, the curtain rises just a little, and common people get a glimpse of what is behind it. Even the most cunning hand may sometimes be detected in pulling the most carefully concealed wires. Operatic managers do not rest upon beds of roses. Rumors have been flying about the city for some days to the effect that all was not peace and harmony in the troupe that has, for the last two weeks, been ministering to the pleasure of our citizens. Several changes in the original programme have made the public suspicious in regard to the secret causes of the difficulty. Induced by these reports, and desiring to learn something from so excellent an impresario as Maretzek, what he might have to say on the general subject of operatic management, a reporter called upon that gentleman yesterday at the Gardner House. He found him in one of the handsomest rooms in the hostelry, the windows looking down upon a dreary vacuum in the burnt district. Maretzek is still the same kind, pleasant, genial soul as when he first commenced his career in this country, nearly a quarter of a century ago. Fifty years have failed to draw any decided lines in his handsome features, or to make his step less elastic. As he has borne his successes with humility, so he has taken his disappointments mildly.

The reporter found the manager accessible. He looked out of the window and commented on the dreariness of the scene.

"Yes," said Maretzek, with just the slightest and most agreeable German accent, "the prospect is not cheerful, but then, you know" (with a significant look and a light touch upon the sleeve of his auditor), "we didn't come to Chicago to see the city."

The social civilities having been observed, the reporter launched at once into the heart of the subject.

Reporter—What is the usual manner of organizing an opera troupe?

Mr. Maretzek—We are about 3,000 miles from the base of musical supplies. It is impossible to attempt a season of opera with any degree of certainty, unless you have a double troupe. That means about four prima donnas, two first tenors, two baritones, and two bases. Even thus equipped, it is impossible to avoid sometimes disappointing the public. In Europe the difficulties are not so great. There, when a singer is sick, and unable to appear, his place can be supplied in 24 hours by means of the telegraph, musicians are so numerous in Continental cities. This causes one of the greatest difficulties that a manager has to encounter. Singers know that they are indispensable to him, and think that they can do what they please in a country of liberty. The manager is always in hot water. There are always inside troubles, and complications, and difficulties, and jealousies, that outsiders know nothing about.

R.—But prima donnas now have an agent of their own?

Mr. M.—Yes, that is a wheel within a wheel, which is an endless source of perplexity.

R.—How long has it been a custom for singers to have a separate agent?

Mr. M.—The custom is of recent origin. For many years, in Europe, great singers have negotiated for a small per cent with managers for the service of prima donnas, but that has been the end of the matter. They never travelled with them. It is only a few years since make-gers in America have discovered this new kind of industry. The agent who negotiated the engagement of the artist with the manager comes to this country with his prima donna, travels everywhere with the troupe, watches over her with the care shown by a hen for one solitary chicken, and makes no end of trouble in the troupe. This is according to the recent experience of all American managers.

R.—When did you make the contract with Miss Kellogg for the present season of opera?

Mr. M.—About a year ago; she was the first artist of the troupe engaged. The contract was made before her last visit to London.

R.—What portion of her repertory was included in this contract?

Mr. M.—"Traviata," "Lucia," "Martha," "Faust," "Poliuto," "Rigoletto," "Crispino," "Linda," "Sonnambula," and "Barbiere." It was also specified that she might be asked to sing other operas, of which the names were not given.

(The contract was shown the reporter.)

R.—When was your contract made with Madame Lucca?

Mr. M.—About the month of May last.

R.—What opera or *roles* is she under contract to sing for you?

Mr. M.—*Valentine*, in "The Huguenots;" *Selika*, in "L'Africaine;" *Margaret*, in "Faust;" *Zerlina*, in "Fra Diavolo;" *Zerlina*, in "Don Giovanni;" *Cherubino*, in "Le Nozze di Figaro;" *Mignon*, and *Leonora*, in "Favorita." This does not include her whole repertory. She has been singing a good many years, and has others, of course.

R.—I see that both Miss Kellogg and Madame Lucca are under contract to sing in "Faust."

Mr. M.—Yes, but it is not specified in Miss Kellogg's contract that no one else shall sing the role. Madame Lucca's contract declares that "no one else" shall sing these parts, or any of them, unless in the illness of Madame Lucca. The contract was drawn up by Longley, of London, and is a specimen of Jarrett's sharp practice. It is almost an exact copy of his contract with Nilsson and Strakosch.

R.—How long has Mr. Jarrett been in this country?

Mr. M.—About three years; he came first with Nilsson, and was with her for two seasons.

R.—What were his relations to Strakosch?

Mr. M.—It was his business to make Strakosch sick to the point of his agreement by means of what Americans call "bullying." Things had to go to suit his convenience. Strakosch is a man of quiet temper, and they had no open quarrels, but they parted bitter enemies.

R.—Did he part with Nilsson on good terms?

Mr. M.—As far as my knowledge extends, he did not.

R.—What was the trouble between them?

Mr. M.—Well, I suppose Nilsson was not satisfied because he began to advertise Lucca long before he was through with her. I don't know that he made the contract with Lucca before he left Nilsson, but he was negotiating with her.

R.—Did he try to revenge himself on Nilsson after returning to England? Americans noticed that she was severely criticised by the London press when she reappeared there after her two years in America.

Mr. M.—It was so said. It was so rumored, and believed, that he cooked the notices in the London papers to suit himself and have his revenge on Nilsson. They said she had become "Americanized." Jarrett had been her agent before she came to this country at all. He used to be at Drury Lane Theatre in London in the position of business manager, or what is called in this country, "stage manager," and he managed so well that he ruined every manager whom he had anything to do with. If he did not actually ruin him, he brought him to the brink of ruin, and he used to make a boast of it.

R.—How does an agent make his money?

Mr. M.—By a percentage on all that the artist earns, say 8 or 10 per cent. Nilsson received $500 per night, and a percentage of all in the house above $2,000 or $3,000. She took $200,000 out of the country, of which Jarrett probably received $20,000. Besides this, Strakosch gave him $5,000 a year, and paid his travelling and hotel expenses. I also pay his expenses; it is in the contract. All this makes him a very handsome salary, and in return for it he does nothing but intrigue and make trouble in the company.

R.—What is the meaning of the reports about Mr. Jarrett's manipulating the press?

Mr. M.—Jarrett has some friends upon the press in London, some of whom live in his own house. He has succeeded through them in getting a hold on a few papers—as, for instance, the *Musical World*, the *Times*, and some of the weekly papers. For these papers he either writes notices himself, or gets them written, as a fair expression of British sentiment and opinion.

R.—Is money paid for these things to London journalists?

Mr. M.—I do not say that. Perhaps he merely entertains them; keeps them in his own house, and goes between them and artists. I wish to say nothing that will reflect in the slightest degree upon Miss Nilsson, Madame Lucca, or any other excellent artist. Having got the notices, as I say, he tries to get them copied in all American cities, originating a system of puffery, which the people, who don't see how the wires are pulled, can't understand. They think it is all genuine. Then he boasts when in London that the whole American press can be bought. When he comes to New York he tries to manage the press there by pretending that he carries all the London papers in his breeches-pocket. He may have succeeded to a certain extent with the New York journalists when he was Nilsson's agent, but whatever corrupt influence he may once have had has passed away, and he can never influence it again. Whether he paid them or didn't pay them, he made a big muss, and injured the New York season more than all other causes combined. He is a busy mischief-maker, and thinks of nothing but intrigues from the time he gets up until he goes to bed.

R.—What was his method of action in New York?

Mr. M.—Instead of working for the interests of the company, as he should have done, he tried to influence the press and public in favor of those in whom he was interested, to the detriment of others. I need not specify; you know what I mean. What was injurious to any member of the company was injurious to me. He even went so far as to write letters to the New York *Herald*, under the name "Viator," reflecting upon a prominent member of the troupe, and had the same thing done by his man Friday, over the signature of "Musicus." Everybody understood the thing, and whence the communications came. I think that he does these things because he is a born mischief-maker, and likes to fish in troubled waters. He has boasted that he was going to carry the American press, and the entire opera in America, for the next ten years. I don't think so. He is going to bring over new artists from time to time, and put down everything that he can't get into his clutches. But he won't find American managers such ninnies as he found in Europe. He will never be able to manage the press again, and Strakosch and Maretzek will never again allow themselves to be bullied.

R.—Does Mr. Jarrett make trouble about the theatre?

Mr. M.—He has no business about the theatre of the stage at all. His only relation to myself and Madame Lucca is that of a go-between. He has only to look out for the interests of his prima donna. If I had any reason to think he was interfering in any way, I would put a stop to it at once. He has been very meddlesome, and since we have been in Chicago I have had to teach him his place as agent and servant of Madame Lucca.

R.—Was the interruption of "Trovatore" caused by the interference of Jarrett?

Mr. M.—I do not say that. Abrugnedo was certainly very hoarse, but he certainly did very wrong not to finish the opera. The next day I sent him notice by a lawyer that he had broken his engagement. He came to me and made his excused hoarsely. He said he had lost his head by not being able to do as he wanted to, and was put out by some words he had had with the stage-manager, but he regretted the way he had acted, and was ready to apologize, not only to me but to the public.

R.—It was unfortunate that that mishap should have occurred on one of the Kellogg nights.

Mr. M.—Yes, certainly; Miss Kellogg is certainly one of the most conscientious and remarkable artists I ever knew. She is very brilliant in everything she does, and never disappointing.

R.—Is Jarrett operating especially against her?

Mr. M.—I have no positive proof of it. She can tell you what she thinks about that if she chooses. I wish to say nothing that will reflect upon either Miss Kellogg or Madame Lucca. There is the best of feeling between the two ladies. Jarrett causes all the trouble. He is a man who is continually bent on making mischief; he has been found out by Strakosch, and he has been found out by me. I wish to say nothing that will reflect upon any of the ladies of the troupe, but so far as Jarrett is concerned, I am responsible.

R.—What do you think of the prospects for the next opera season?

Mr. M.—Strakosch will probably bring over Nilsson again for a New York, and perhaps for a provincial, season. I shall form a troupe from such material as I have in hand, and some new people that I have in mind, for Havana, and for New York, after Strakosch is through. We shall occupy all the ground so far as Italian opera is concerned. Adelina Patti need not be expected in the States next year; she has a St. Petersburg venture which will detain her. She is not likely to come to America at all until they get tired of her in Europe. I don't see what Jarrett is going to do next season. No matter whom he brings, neither I nor Strakosch shall have anything to do with him. Madame DeMurska I heard a few years ago. She was then a very good artist, but she is not a young chicken, and singers do not improve with age. Jarrett may try Carl Rosa, a very good man for manager. That is his only chance, and I think with Carl Rosa it is a very slight chance, for Parepa is not likely ever to sing for an entire season in Italian opera. I can assure you that Jarret will not regulate opera, nor the press, in this country for the next ten years.

With this parting shot the interview closed, and the polite impresario bowed his interviewer out of the apartment.

THE GREELEY MONUMENT.

During the last week, and since my last report of Feb. 7, I have received the following sums for the Greeley Monument, from the gentlemen of the

State Journal, Springfield, Ill.	$ 20.00
Page County (Iowa) *Democrat*	2.00
Henry County (Iowa) *Press*	3.00
Liberal Democrat, LaCrosse, Wis.	3.00
Baraboo (Wis.) *Republic*	3.00
A. J. Ennis, Geneva Lake, Wis.	2.00
Cyrus A. Davis, Dixon, Ill.	2.00
Previously reported	86.20
Total	$120.20

WM. BROSS, Committee.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14, 1873.

Afternoon papers please copy.

Because a Person Has a Bad Cold

it should not be inferred that consumption has set in, although a case of consumption is rarely met with unaccompanied by a distressing cough. Where, however, a disposition to pulmonary disease exists, a cough, if left to itself, strains and racks the lungs, wastes the general strength, and soon establishes an incurable complaint. In all cases, then, it is the safer plan to get rid of a cough, cold, or hoarseness without delay, and for this purpose no remedy acts more promptly or surely, or with more benefit to the organs of the chest, than Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant, a medicine scientifically compounded from carefully selected drugs, and which, on trial, will always be found worthy of its world-wide reputation. Sold everywhere.

California Sunday Train.

The regular Sunday train for Omaha, San Francisco, and all intermediate points, carrying the great California, China, and Japan mails, will run through to-morrow *via* Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, leaving Great Central Depot, foot of Lake street, at 10:15 a. m., the regular time of Pacific fast line, stopping at Indiana avenue and Canal street stations, arriving at Omaha on Monday morning, making close connections with the Union Pacific Railroad for all points West. Through tickets reading *via* Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and Chicago & Northwestern Railways will be taken on this line.

Drew's Business College,

Nos. 378 and 380 West Madison street. We call the attention of our readers to the above flourishing institution, which is destined to stand without a rival as a Business College in the West. Over 200 students have entered in the various departments. Every young man should take a business course, and investigation will convince him that the course at this institution not only combines theory, but actual practice that can be useful in every position in life.

THE LAW COURTS.

Questionable Dealings with a Lease---Evanston Manufacturing Difficulties.

Failure of a Boot and Shoe House---Bankruptcy Notes---New Suits.

Carl G. Hogberg and John E. Hogberg are brothers, and Andrew G. Peterson is their brother-in-law. In May, 1869, Carl obtained from G. W. Gerrish, of Chelsea, Mass., the lease of a lot (36) in Block 4 of Gerrish's Sub-division of Section 28, 39, on which he erected a dwelling house, his sister, Mrs. Peterson, and her husband, Carl and his family, and other tenants, occupying it. To secure a debt of $900, which he owed his brother John, Carl executed a bill of sale of the dwelling house to him; but the latter requiring the sum the following February, was paid off with money that Carl borrowed from Peterson, to whom he made a transfer of the lease. Soon afterwards, Mrs. Peterson died, and Andrew became gruff and unreasonable in his conduct towards his relative, finally requiring the tenants to pay their rents to him alone, instead of to Carl, the owner of the property, and obtaining a new lease in his own name by giving up the one transferred to him. Carl yesterday obtained an injunction restraining any further intermeddling with the property.

AN EVANSTON MANUFACTURER'S DIFFICULTIES.

John McKinnon, door and sash maker, of Evanston, Ill., appears to be in rather a bad way for a man who calls himself a manufacturer. Annie Barrett, of Evanston, petitions for his bankruptcy as a judgment creditor, having obtained judgment against him on the 7th inst. on a note of $600, with interest amounting to $46, acquired by her from R. Biddle Roberts. She affirms that after she had instituted suit for the recovery of the amount due on this note, McKinnon, being insolvent, and well knowing his liability, made a conveyance of his lots in Evanston, namely, 1 and 2, in Block 2, Brown & Adams' Addition, and 19 and 20, in Block 77, the former to A. A. Perkins, of Pepin, Pepin County, Wis., for the consideration of $6,500, subject to a mortgage of $2,000, and the latter to the same person, for the consideration of $2,800, such considerations being nominal, the actual consideration being a farm in Wisconsin, to which McKinnon is about to remove. It is also charged that he gave a chattel mortgage to George Irons, nominally to secure the sum of $295, on the 24th of January last, which was filed for record only the day preceding the judgment aforesaid, such chattel mortgage being upon his stock of doors, sashes, and lumber. Petitioner also affirms that the debtor owes many other creditors in Evanston; and the Court issued an order to show cause, a warrant of seizure and of arrest, under $2,000 bail.

BANKRUPTCY MATTERS.

A petition was, yesterday, filed for the bankruptcy of the firm of Wiswall, Nazro & Thompson, wholesale boot and shoe dealers, on Wabash avenue, the firm having failed to meet their commercial paper since the 10th inst., in consequence of their inability to collect accounts due to them, and acknowledged the impossibility of their continuing. The petitioners, Joseph Harris & Sons, of Boston, Mass., claim as creditors on various unpaid notes amounting to $2,000, and the affidavit of Henry M. Shepard, their agent, affirms the foregoing acts of bankruptcy, and others of a similar character. The Court granted a rule to show cause.

An injunction was yesterday issued restraining the sale of property belonging to Jacob L. Stone, of Elgin, whose petition for voluntary bankruptcy was filed some time ago, such property having been advertised for sale by public auction under a mortgage for $1,000, its actual value being between $2,000 and $3,000, and the delay being requested to enable the Court to take the matter into its own hands for the benefit of the estate.

A discharge was entered, yesterday, in the matter of Emmanuel Hartman.

STARTLING FIGURES.

An official has made a calculation which shows that the cost of running juries, at the rate of last month, for the current year, under the present system, will exceed, *in the Circuit Court alone*, by $36,062 the cost for the year under the old system. Yet the figures on which this estimate is based are not exaggerated; for the past two weeks show a much higher aggregate than any similar period, and even that high rate is increasing faster than is needed to counterbalance the decrease that sanguine people expect in the spring. The following is the calculation referred to. It merits the attention of all thoughtful citizens:

UNDER NEW SYSTEM.

Fifty-three jurors for week commencing Feb. 10—all five days, except one for six days	$947.00
Nineteen jurors—same week not claimed yet, same proportion, would be	339.00
Fees one week	$1,286.00
Same proportion for one year, say of forty-seven weeks, for which Court would probably be held, would be	$60,442.00

UNDER OLD SYSTEM.

Seventy-two jurors one week, five days	$540.00
Same proportion for one year, forty-seven weeks	$24,380.00
Loss for Circuit Court alone one year, loss mileage, etc.	$36,062.00

GENERAL NOTES.

Edmond and B. Knauer yesterday commenced suit for the recovery of dividends in bankruptcy on a State Insurance Company policy. The suit is brought under a contract, by which Knauer sells to L. J. Kadish a policy of $5,000, Kadish paying $600 therefor, and agreeing to hand over any sums of money he might afterwards receive in the shape of dividends. He has received $2,000, of which the plaintiffs accordingly claim $1,400.

The jury in the case of Knutson v. The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad Company, yesterday, returned a verdict for $1,700. The invariable motion for new trial was entered. The damages asked were $5,000, but the jury appeared to have considered that the deceased had reached almost the allotted span of life when the locomotive carried him off to heaven.

The C. C. & I. C. Railroad Company condemnation case v. Mason et al. will be heard on Monday, before Judge Booth, at the conclusion of the hearing of Field, Leiter & Co. v. Sweeney et al., now on trial.

James S. Bassett & Co. yesterday procured an attachment against Andrew J. Bonham, of Valparaiso, Ind., for an account for plumbing of over $500 on a house on State street, near Congress street.

The Supreme Court has reversed the judgment of the Circuit Court of Cook County in the case of Martin A. O'Brennan v. The City of Chicago—the plaintiff having been awarded $950 for alleged injuries, caused by a portion of the ceiling of the Council Chamber falling on his head.

Judge Rogers will, on Monday, call 184, 5, 7, 8, 195, 7, 8, 9, and 200. Judge Porter's call for Monday is unchanged. Judge Booth will, on Monday, call 162 to 170, inclusive.

Healey & Gerew yesterday commenced suit in the Circuit Court against Charles A. Gregory, in assumpsit $32,000.

Forsyth v. Carroll is still on trial before Judge Tree. It is a trial on notes.

NEW SUITS.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—10,851—Elisha T. Jackson, administrator of the estate of Joseph P. Dean, deceased, v. Henry W. Beadle; assumpsit, $4,000. 10,852—The First National Bank of Monmouth v. Abraham W. Morris; bill of injunction to restrain the collection of taxes on stock.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Clark W. Upton, Assignee of the Great Western Insurance Company in bankruptcy, v. Charles H. Falch; assumpsit, $1,000. Same v. O. D. Moore; same.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—5,877, 8, 9, 80, 1, 2, 3, and 4—Appeals. 5,882—Patrick C. Healy et al. v. Charles A. Gregory; assumpsit, $32,000. 5,886—Marcella McCormick v. Albert Fahnestock; assumpsit, $700. 5,887—In the matter of the petition of Eliza Cavanaugh to perpetuate testimony; petition. 5,889—Appeal. 5,890—Charles A. Street et al. v. Theodore Schroeder and Harmon Hyman; assumpsit, $500. 5,890—Appeal. 5,891—Appeal. 5,892—Holmberg and Starck; petition for mechanics' lien. 5,893—A. F. Bushick v. Eva and Jacob Singer and Joseph N. Barker; same. 5,894—James S. Bassett & Co. v. Andrew J. Bonham; attachment for $900, defendant being a resident of Valparaiso, Ind.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.—42,229—Murphy v. Cook et al.; appeal. 42,230—Nellis (s. v. Thomas Hall; divorce on the ground of desertion. 42,231—Carl G. Mosburg v. Andrew G. Peterson; bill (see notes). 42,232—L. Yeager et al. v. H. Schaeffer; appeal. 42,233, 4 and 5—Appeals. 42,236—E. Fay & Co. v. Orville L. Grant, $3,000. 42,237—Frank Douglas Machinery Company v. W. C. Broson and Joseph Larrabrie; assumpsit, $1,000. 42,238—Fred. W. Becker v. Mark A. Reynolds; assumpsit, $200. 42,239—Herman Greene v. Daniel Webster; ejectment, $1,000. 42,240—Charles N. Code v. Thos. Antrim v. Henry Knowles; assumpsit, $1,000. 42,241—Thomas O'Connor v. Catherine McCarthy et al.; mechanic's lien on the corner of Washington and Desplaines streets. 42,242—Calvin H. Swain and George H. Cole; replevin of contents of billiard and private rooms, No. 89 West Madison street, valued at $700. 42,243—Stephen White v. Leland Moody and Robert Leitch; assumpsit, $2,000. 42,244—M. R. Sheldon v. F. M. Hale & Co.; assumpsit, $1,000. 42,245—Robert Lindsay et al. v. George H. John R., W. Scott, and Robert Fergus; assumpsit, $200. 42,246—Malvine M. Scovil and John D. Park, of Cincinnati, v. George F. Brown; attachment for $5,000 alleged to have been misappropriated by Brown whilst acting as plaintiff's business manager in Chicago. 43,247—Edmund and B. Knauer v. L. J. Kadish; covenant, $2,000.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE OPERA.

As the opera season draws to a close, the operatic excitement increases. The audience last evening to witness "The Marriage of Figaro" was fully as large as that on the "Don Giovanni" evening, the theatre being crowded to suffocation, so that after a person once got seated egress was almost literally impossible. It is rather remarkable that the two great nights of the season have been the Mozart nights, and that "Don Giovanni" and "The Marriage of Figaro" have drawn the largest audiences ever known, not only in this city, but probably also in this country. This speaks well for the musical standard in Chicago. "The Marriage of Figaro" has never before been given here in Italian. Parepa first made operagoers acquainted with it in an English setting, and made it popular by virtue of her superb singing of the trying music of *Susanna*, in which Mrs. Seguin also assisted by her humorous presentation of *Cherubino*,—that most charming of all the operatic pages,—and little Hersee by her delightful representation of the *Countess*. It is an opera which should always be heard by every lover of music, as it is impossible to give it often, owing to the difficulty of procuring singers. It is not every opera troupe which can muster two high sopranos, a mezzo soprano, a basso, and two strong baritones, not to speak of the minor parts, which must be taken by singers of exceptional excellence to make the concerted effects acceptable. With the exception of the tenor part, which is insignificant, every part in the opera is of more than ordinary importance—so much so, indeed, that it is probably useless to expect ever to see it strongly cast throughout, which is all the more to be regretted, as no other opera possesses such magnificent numbers as the zephyr duo, the "non piu andrai," the "dove sono," or the "voi che sapete," and none such a wonderful burst of genius as makes the working up of the great concerted finale of the second act. The cast last evening was as follows:

Cherubino	Lucca
Susanna	Kellogg
The Countess	Leveille
Marcellina	Miss Schofield
Count Almaviva	Sparapani
Antonio	Dubreni
Bartolo	Boncoui
Basilio	Lyall
Figaro	Moriani

Lucca's *Cherubino* is one of her most genuine successes. Her conception of the character is thoroughly unique. She is the very imp of mischief, which is perpetrated with the utmost nonchalance and impudence, and she adds immensely to the effect by her apparently intense enjoyment of all that is going on about her, and the gleeful satisfaction with which she accepts every misadventure that befalls the *Count* and *Countess*. She is literally "on a bender" all the evening, and is full of fun from head to foot, all through her shapely person. She expresses her keen sense of fun with the most exasperating coolness, by the twinkle of her eye, the abandon of her boots, which are fairly expressive, by her short cropped hair, the twirl of her fingers, and the crook of her neck. When discovered in the chair by the *Count*, snugly coiled up with her head resting upon her hand, and her eyes cast upward with a lurking devil in each, she is the very personification of Raphael's cherub in the Sistine Madonna picture. As much of her success in this part lies in the quiet and yet hearty appreciation and enjoyment of what is going on as in her originality of creation in giving expression to the character. In the music of the part, she interprets the sentiment of the text to a Wagnerian nicety, and brings it as vividly before the hearer as if she were declaiming it while in the singing of the "voi che sapete," which is not transposed, as it was for Mrs. Seguin, she gives utterance to a burst of lyric joy, which provoked an irresistible encore. Miss Kellogg acquitted herself with great credit in the heavy role of *Susanna*, and gave to it more dramatic color than she has bestowed upon any of her previous personations this season. In the Zephyr duo with Leveille she sustained her part so admirably (and, in point of fact, sustained Leveille too), that the beautiful number was encored. The concerted music is fearfully trying for an artist of Kellogg's calibre, especially in the finale of the second act, but she carried it through bravely, and displayed in it some of the best vocalism she has ever shown here. The *Countess* (Leveille) was only mediocre, and her worn voice detracted very often from the effect of much of the music. Moriani was an admirable *Figaro*, both in acting and singing, and rendered the "non piu andrai," his great song, superbly. The remaining parts were but indifferently taken. This afternoon the season closes with "Mignon."

PROBABLE MURDER.

A young gentleman who revels in the charming sobriquet of "Kit" yesterday went into a bagnio on West Randolph street, kept by Mary Cook. "Kit" was permitted to give vent to his feelings in a hilarious manner for some time, when he was expostulated with by the Madam to be more moderate. This excited "Kit," and he drew a knife, which, after brandishing a few moments, he lodged in Mrs. Cook's back, inflicting a serious wound. "Kit" was arrested and locked up in the Union Street Station. At a late hour last evening it was feared that the wound would prove fatal.

Serious Gas Explosion.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CONNORSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 14.—At noon, to-day, the gas-works connected with Root & Co.'s foundry, at this place, exploded, setting fire to buildings, it is supposed from careless management of the gasometer, which was allowed to fill up, and the escaping gas coming in contact with furnace fires caused the explosion. Robt. Grenyer, one of the men engaged at the foundry, was in the gas building at the time. The doors opening inward were blown shut, and he had to burst through them by main force. His face, hands, and breast are terribly burned, and is feared he is internally injured. His recovery is doubtful. The fire was promptly subdued by the Fire Department. Loss about $1,000; no insurance.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Money was active and close, at 7 per cent to 1-32, closing at 7 bid. An easier condition of affairs is anticipated next week.

Sterling was at 109¾@109¾.

Gold was strong; advanced from 114 to 114¼, and closed at 114¼@114¾. Loans 1@7 per cent and 1-32 for carrying. Clearings $69,000,000. Treasury disbursements $147,000.

Governments were dull but firm.

State bonds quiet. Tennessees and Missouris firm.

Railroad bonds firm and advancing.

Stocks were quiet throughout the day, and prices in the main were higher, the fluctuations ranging from ¼ to 1¾ per cent. Union Pacific was weak on free offerings, seller 30, and rumors of prospective unfavorable legislation at Washington; Lake Shore, Western Union, Erie, and C., C. & I. C. were very strong. The whole market closed quiet and firm.

Sterling, 109.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.			
Coupons, '81	118¼	Coupons, '67	116¾
5-20s of '62	115¾	Coupons, '68	116¾
Coupons, '64	114¾	10-40s	114¾
Coupons, '65	115¾	Currency 6s	114¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	114¾	New 5s	113¾
STATE BONDS.			
Missouris	94¾	Virginias, old	45
Tennessees, old	78¾	North Carolinas, old	33½
Tennessees, new	78¾	North Carolinas, new	18
Virginias, new	50		
STOCKS.			
Canton	101	St. Paul pfd.	74
Vir. U. Tel.	86	Wabash	72
Quicksilver	43¾	Wabash pfd.	62
Adams Express	97½	Fort Wayne	93
Wells Fargo	85½	Terre Haute	10
Mysterious Express	68	Terre Haute, pfd.	40
United States Ex.	76	Chicago & Alton	114¾
Pacific Mail	74¾	Chicago & Alton pfd.	117
New York Central	103¾	Ohio & Mississippi	46¾
Erie	48	C., C. & I.	97½
Erie pfd.	79	C., R. & Q.	117¾
Harlem	130¾	Lake Shore	97½
Harlem pfd.	125	Indiana Central	42½
Michigan Central	109	Illinois Central	120
Pittsburgh	91¾	Union Pacific stocks	33½
Northwestern	81	Union Pacific bonds	87½
Northwestern pfd.	91	Central Pacific bonds	104
Rock Island	113½	Del. Lack. & Western	100
N. Y. Central	104¾	B. H. & Erie	9¼
St. Paul	32		

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14—11 a. m.—Flour, 22s 6d. Wheat—Winter, 12s 2d@12s 3d; spring, 11s 8d@12s 4d; white, 12s@12s 2d; club, 12s 6d@12s 3d. Corn, 27s 6d. Pork, 60s 6d. Lard, 37s 3d.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14—1 p. m.—Market unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14—230 p. m.—Wheat—Winter, 12s 2d@12s 6d; white, 12s 1d@12s 3d. Breadstuffs steady. Pork, 60s. The rest unchanged.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Consols, money, 92¼@92¾; account, 92¾@92¾; 5-20s of '65, 92¾; do '67, 93¾; 10-40s, 91¾; new 5s, 90¾; Erie, 51¾.

Tallow, 45s 3d@45s 6d.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 14.—Five-twenties of '62, 96.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—Rentes, 55f 80c.

The specie in the Bank of France has increased, during the week, 800,000f.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14.—Cotton steady. Middling uplands, 9¾d; Orleans, 10@10¼d. Sales, 10,000 bales; American, 8,000 bales; speculation and export, 1,000 bales. Sales of the week, 60,000 bales; export, 4,000 bales; speculation, 2,000 bales. Stock, 442,000 bales; American, 117,000 bales. Receipts, 56,000 bales; American, 32,000 bales. Actual export, 5,000 bales. Stock afloat, 295,000 bales; American, 214,000 bales.

Breadstuffs steady; California white wheat, average quality, 12s 1d@12s 3d; club do, 12s 6d@12s 3d; red spring, 11s 4d@12s 4d; red winter, 12s 3d@12s 6d. Flour, 29s 6d. Corn, 27s 6d.

Pork, 60s. Beef, 85s. Lard, 37s 6d. Cheese, 71s. Cumberland middles, 34s. Short ribs, 35s 9d.

Receipts of wheat for the past three days, 27,000 quarters, of which 21,000 quarters were American. Receipts of corn for the same time, 13,000 quarters; American, 8,000 quarters.

Yarns and fabrics at Manchester quiet and unchanged.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—BEEVES—Including late arrivals yesterday, we have 1,100 cattle, part of them sold last night. Total for the week, 7,050, against 8,300 the previous week. There is just a shade of improvement on medium and good cattle. Poor lots are very slow. Sales: 5 cars Ohio, 1,275 lbs, at 12¼c, 57 lbs per cwt; 5 cars Illinois, 1,025 lbs, 10½c, 56 lbs per cwt; 2 cars, 7 cwt, 13¼c; lot bulls at 4½c.

SHEEP—To-day only 3 cars in, with 4 cars to arrive. Total thus far this week, 11,300, against 23,300 the same time last week. Scarcely improvement enough to note. Sales: 2 cars Ohio, 74 lbs, at 5¼c; car 77 lbs at 5½c; 2 cars Kentucky, 82 lbs, at 5c; car Ohio, 93 lbs, at 7¾c; car 103 lbs at 7¾c; *few* Michigan, 106 lbs, 8c.

HOGS—None arrived to-day. There were 1,200 yesterday, counting late trains. Total to date this week, 24,700, against 30,100 the same time last week. Market stronger; dressed, 6@7c; Western, 5¾@6¼c.

CATTLE—In good demand; fair to choice steers, 4¾@6c.

LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 14.—Flour steady, and unchanged. PROVISIONS—Steady, with a fair demand; mess pork in round lots, $13.50. Bacon firm; shoulders, 5¾c; clear rib, 7¾@7¾c; clear, 8½c; plain hams, 12c; sugar cured, 13½@13¾c, all packed. Lard—choice leaf ks, 8@8½c; do in kegs, 9@9¼c; prime steam, 7½c. Bulk shoulders, 4½c; clear rib, 6¾c; clear, 6¾c, all loose.

WHISKEY—Firm at 89@90c.

DETROIT.

DETROIT, Feb. 14.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat firmer; extra, $2.01¾; No. 1, $1.94½; No. 2, $1.74. Corn quiet; yellow, 41¾c. Oats quiet; white, 40c.

CLOVER SEED—$5.15@5.25.

DRESSED HOGS—$5.25.

CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet at $7.90@8.25. Wheat firm at $1.73@1.75. Corn quiet at 40c. Oats dull at 30@33c. Rye quiet at 85c. Barley quiet and unchanged.

LINSEED—Firm at 92@95.

PROVISIONS—Strong. Pork firmer at $13.00@13.25. Lard firm; steam held at 7¾c, with $7.40 bid; kettle, 8c. Bulk meats higher; shoulders, 4½c; clear rib, 6½c; clear, 6¾c, all full cured. Bacon firmer; shade higher; shoulders, 5½c, to come out of smoke; clear rib 7¾c; clear, 7¾@7½c.

HOGS—Firm at $4.40@4.80. Receipts, 970.

WHISKEY—Steady at 89c.

BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—Holders of flour and grain are firm in their views; nothing doing of consequence. Corn—Sales of 3 cars Western at 52c. Oats—Sales of 25,000 bu at Toledo at 43c.

TOLEDO.

TOLEDO, Feb. 14.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet; amber Michigan, $1.73½; No. 2 red, $1.69. Corn in shade better; high mixed, 39@39½c; spot, 44½c; seller low mixed, 39c; white, 40c; no grade, 37c. Oats quiet; No. 2, 35c.

CLOVER SEED—$5.20.

DRESSED HOGS—$5.20@5.40.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 15,000 brls; wheat, 13,000 bu; corn, 21,000 bu; oats, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 800 brls; wheat, 1,000 bu; corn, 4,000 bu; oats, 1,000 bu.

PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour very dull; superfine, $4.75@5.25; extra, $6.25@6.75; Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, $7.50@8.50. Wheat dull; red, $1.88@1.97; amber, $1.98; white, $2.05@2.12. Corn firmer; yellow, 59@60c. Oats dull; white, 43@46c; mixed, 42@47.

PETROLEUM—Crude, 14½@14¾c; refined, 19@19¼c.

WHISKEY—Dull at 92½c.

BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.—BREADSTUFFS — Flour and wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 14.

The supply of loanable capital in the local money market continues to increase, and though the demand increases in proportion, it is not the kind of pressing urgent demand that comes from the necessity of merchants to meet maturing obligations, but mainly a speculative demand from grain dealers. These applications have been freely met by the banks, and a large amount of bank capital has gone into wheat, and has had the effect to maintain prices. The increase in the supply of New York exchange on the market is an evidence that a large amount of products of one kind or another have gone forward within the last few days and been turned into money. Exchange was sold between banks to-day at 75 cents per $1,000 discount, and the country demand for currency has decreased very much. In the street, the supply of money offered for the purchase of commercial paper and for loan on collaterals, is increasing, so that as far as the local market is concerned everything looks favorable.

TAXATION OF NATIONAL BANK SHARES.

It will be remembered that in 1871 a decision of Justice Blodgett, of the Circuit of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois, in regard to the taxation of National Bank shares by counties, towns, and municipalities of the State, excited a good deal of attention and remark, and was regarded as quite a victory for the banks in their endeavor to escape all local taxation.

The National Currency act, under which the National Banks were created, provided for the taxation of the shares of the banks in the States where the banks were located, and nowhere else, thus leaving to the States the fixing of the *situs* of the shares for the purposes of local taxation. In accordance with this, the Legislature of Illinois passed a law in 1867, fixing the *situs* of *all* the shares of a National Bank at the place where the bank was located, and the local Collectors and Assessors proceeded to assess and collect accordingly, but met with opposition and appeals to the Courts. Justice Blodgett gave, in the case of the Union National Bank, of this city, the opinion that both the Federal and State laws were unconstitutional, on the ground that the Federal Constitution says that "the citizens of all the States are entitled to all the privileges and immunities of all the citizens of all the other States," and that the taxation in Illinois of the shares of a National Bank in Chicago, owned partly by citizens of another State, was a violation of this Constitutional provision. It will be perceived at once, that this rule would effectually prevent the taxation of any joint stock property in which shares were held by citizens of different States, and that to evade all taxation it would only be necessary to have one share held by a non-resident of the State. So broad a rule, if followed to the letter, would invalidate more than half the laws of all the States and render State Legislatures useless, except to enact laws exactly like the laws of all the other States. It would prevent the collection of all personal property tax by the States, and abolish the sovereignty of the States.

A very different view of this matter has, however, been taken by Justice McAllister, of the Supreme Court of Illinois, in his opinion, filed Feb. 7, in the case of the First National Bank of Mendota against the Collector of LaSalle County. Justice McAllister holds that the State law of 1867, which fixes the *situs* of all the shares of the bank at the place where the bank is located, is valid, in accordance with both the State and Federal Constitutions, and that the bank being in fact the trustee and guardian of the property of all its stockholders, is liable for the whole of the taxes on all their shares. In spite of all the judicial jugglery of setting up one law to knock down another, and one provision of the Federal Constitution to neutralize another, resorted to for the purpose of evading taxation in special cases, this decision of Justice McAllister will be regarded with satisfaction by the public generally. It is true, at this is the abstract, all taxes levied in the State do come out of the real estate and chattels in the State, and that the tax on National Bank shares, like the tax on money and evidences of debt, is to some extent a delusion, but unless there is some sweeping change by which all usury laws, and other taxes on money, are abolished, it would be unjust to make a discrimination in favor of National Banks.

THE TAXATION OF SAVINGS BANKS.

Some of the New England savings banks are at work in Congress for a remission of all taxes under the Internal Revenue law, and by a Washington letter to the New York *Journal of Commerce*, we learn that on Feb. 11 the Committee of Ways and Means heard Messrs. Hopgood, heirf of Boston, and Robinson, of Maine, in regard to taxation of savings banks. They represent a peculiar kind of institution. Savings banks are ususually governed by trustees, and the security of the depositor is simply his confidence in the trustee. But Mr. Hopgood represents a savings bank in Boston (the only one of the kind in Massachusetts), organized on a different basis. They have paid-up stock which represents their capital, and they have to pay a much larger tax than the trustee savings banks. There are a number of these institutions in the West, and they want to be placed on the same footing as other savings banks.

Meantime, others, representing all savings banks, have come here representing that the tax on savings banks is against public policy, and peculiarly oppressive. They ask that it be abolished, for three reasons, as follows:

1. It discriminates between the rich and poor; and against the latter, by selecting capitals of small amount for taxation, while no others are taxed.

2. It discriminates between the provident and improvident poor, in favor of the latter, by exempting them from all direct taxation, while the small savings of the thrifty depositor are made to bear a disproportionate share of the public burden, thus virtually imposing a penalty on thrift.

3. It subjects the depositor to three-fold taxation: First, of 5 per cent on the annual income of his savings (averaging about $12); secondly, of ¾ per cent per annum on his principal; and, thirdly, of another half per cent on that portion of his capital which may be considered as included in the large cash balance which savings banks are obliged to keep in banks of circulation,—which last, of course, forms part of the deposits returned by individuals to said banks.

There is a point, however, in connection with savings banks *with capital stock*, which the applicants for remission of taxes are careful to omit, viz.: that such banks as have capital stock are undeniably organized for the benefit of stockholders, the same as commercial or National Banks, and are, therefore, very different from trustee banks, which are, or, at least, claim to be, merely "charitable institutions," organized only for the "benefit of the depositors." If they are charitable institutions in fact, their claim to the remission of taxes might be worthy of consideration. But, as for the savings banks organized with capital stock, they have no more claim to exemption of taxes than the commercial banks. It is a well-known fact that savings banks with capital stock are the most profitable financial enterprises to stockholders now in existence. There is one savings bank in Chicago which pays nearly 100 per cent per annum on its capital stock, and the shares of which is worth 300 per cent premium. If this class of savings banks is so solicitous about the welfare of their depositors as Messrs. Hopgood and Robinson represent, let them divide among their depositors a portion of the annual dividends on their stock.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
5-20s of '62	115	115¼
5-20s of '64	115	115¼
5-20s of '65	115¼	115½
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	114	114¼
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	116¼	116½
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	116½	116¾
10-40s	114½	114¾
U. S. 7s (New Issue), ex int	113¾	113¾
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s		100 & int.
Chicago City 7s	99¾	& int.
Cook County 7s	99¾	& int.
Illinois, County and Township 10s	96@97½	
Sterling Exchange (large drafts)	109¾	-110¾
Gold Exchange	114¼	
Gold and Gold Coupons	113¾	114¼

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Friday, Feb. 14:

CITY PROPERTY.

Lot 8, in Block 1 of Cushman's Block 4, Sheffield's Addition, dated Feb. 11; consideration, $1,100.

Evans st. bet Oakley and Leavitt sts, n f, 25x128 ft, dated Jan. 27; consideration, $300.

The premises No. 37 Elston Road, dated Feb. 5; consideration, $2,300.

North av, bet Hurlbut and Mohawk sts, n f 25x104 ft with buildings, dated Feb. 11; consideration, $5,000.

The premises No. 156 South Robey st, with other property, dated Jan. 28; consideration, $12,000.

Division st, s w cor of California st, undivided ¼ of 60 acres, dated Feb. 6; consideration, $36,000.

Vernon av, bet Thirtieth and Thirty-first sts, w f, Lot 15, dated Nov. 5, 1872; consideration, $5,500.

North Clark st, s w cor of Water st, s f, 21¼x80 ft, dated Jan. 29; consideration, $10,000.

Division st, bet Bremer and Townsend sts, s f, 33x100 ft, dated Jan. 13; consideration, $2,875.

Second st, 872 ft e of Noble st, n f, 24x110 ft, dated Jan. 6; consideration, $1,700.

Burnside st, n of and near Thirty-eight st, e f, 25x104 ft, dated Jan. 30; consideration, $1,050.

North Wells st, bet Superior and Huron sts, e f, 18 ft to alley, dated July 24, 1871; consideration, $2,050.

Hamlin av, n w cor of Fourth st, 5 acres, dated Oct. 24, 1872; consideration, $11,000.

Five acres w, and adjoining the above, dated Jan. 1; consideration, $11,000.

Lots 17 and 18, of Block 1 of Morgan's e ½ Block 10, Sheffield's Addition, dated Feb. 10; consideration, $6,800.

Lots 3, 4, 5, and 11, of Sub-Block 4 of Block 29, Sec 7, 39, 14, dated Feb. 12; consideration, $5,000.

Jackson st, n w cor of Franklin st, s f, 23 ft, running half way to Quincy st, dated Feb. 8; consideration, $15,000.

Lots 1 to 3, in Givens' et al Subdivision of 3 acres in s e ¼ Sec 13, 39, 13, dated Oct. 1, 1872; consideration, $2,250.

Forest av, 327¼ ft s of Thirty-fifth st, e f, 50x125 ft, dated Dec. 10, 1872; consideration, $6,000.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Fiftieth st, 220 ft e of Drexel av boulevard, s f, 135x 283½ ft, dated Feb. 6; consideration, $7,500.

Greenwood av, 182 ft n of Forty-sixth st, w f, undivided ¼ of 100x200 ft, dated Oct. 28, 1872; consideration, $5,500.

Lot 43, Block 14, of Phares' e ½ of s w ¼ Sec 12, 38, 13, dated Jan. 10; consideration, $200.

Hackett av, 164 ft n of Forty-third st, e f, 48x125 ft, dated Sept. 23, 1873; consideration, $515.

Lot 3, in Block 3 of Atkinson's Block 3, and w ½ of Block 4, of Busby's s ½ s e ¼ of n w ¼, Sec 10, 38, 14, dated Dec. 13, 1872; consideration, $5,250.

Michigan av, w f, 50x160 ft in Derby's s w ¼ of n w ¼, Sec 10, 38, 14, dated Feb. 1; consideration, $5,000.

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 14.

The following were the receipts and shipments of produce at this point during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	4,166	2,500	5,283	2,084
Wheat, bu	37,468	3,150	11,562	3,167
Corn, bu	76,185	54,345	4,835	35,041
Oats, bu	28,625	12,880	6,410	10,358
Rye, bu	350	1,412	1,750	1,921
Barley, bu	11,140	4,740	12,127	3,400
Grass Seed, lbs	116,337	106,690	190,044	34,124
Flax Seed, lbs			8,940	
Broom Corn, lbs	14,000	16,300	15,992	21,300
Cured Meats, lbs	7,800	1,500	1261,138	2029,984
Beef, brls	19		185	
Pork, brls	65	774	345	130
Lard, lbs	44,790	105,180	402,690	369,770
Tallow, lbs	15,818	7,360	5,900	20,400
Butter, lbs	48,305	34,930	30,900	4,300
Dressed Hogs, No	2,966	2,924	4,881	1,675
Live Hogs, No	18,268	9,170	6,964	2,852
Cattle, No	1,644	1,720	1,566	1,750
Sheep, No	1,881	2,001	345	1,152
Hides, lbs	104,975	67,926	350,770	125,494
Highwines, brls	424	251	444	238
Wool, lbs	31,994	1,840	154,041	15,303
Potatoes, bu	545	1,496		
Lumber, M feet	241	512	626	222
Shingles, M	390	510	550	670
Lath, M	90	45	56	
Salt, brls		205	1,088	572

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 8,306 bu wheat; 3,515 bu corn; 2,059 bu oats; 2,804 bu rye; 3,272 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 97 cars wheat; 334 cars corn; 65 cars oats; 7 cars rye; 49 cars barley. Total, 552 cars, or 227,000 bu.

A New York letter to a prominent commission house here, says: "A resolution has passed our State Senate, and favorably reported in the House, reinstating the old toll sheet of 1852, instead of that of 1871-2, thereby increasing tolls on wheat 3¾¢ per bu, and corn about 3c. A delegation from our Exchange is now in Albany, endeavoring to defeat the resolution in the House; but, if not successful, you must call canal freights 3@3½¢ higher than you have been calculating, and it must come off the price of the grain."

The effect of this would be to fully double the tolls of last year, which were 3½¢ on wheat, and 2½¢ on corn. It was surmised on 'Change today that the measure is pressed in the interest of the railroads that compete with the canal. It is, however, much more likely that it is done in the assumed interest of the lateral canals, which netted a loss to the State of above $1,400,000 last year, absorbing the $1,000,000 earned by the Erie Canal, and $400,000 besides. Whatever be the object, or whoever may be the promoters of the movement, it will not prove other than suicidal to the canals, and would be a powerful agent to ruin the commerce of Buffalo. The present prospect is that, if the Erie tolls are doubled, our trade in breadstuffs with Europe must be transacted *via* the St. Lawrence, or be practically stopped. The people of the State might, *perhaps*, be able to pay 3c per bu more, but the farmers in Iowa, who now receive 12@15c per bu for their corn, could not accept 3c less while the cost of the other essentials remains the same.

It is exceedingly improbable that the revenues of the State of New York would be increased by the proposed aggregate of taxation, even if that were possible, and if it be absolutely necessary to continue to bear the burden of those lateral canals, the people of that State could ill afford to make the change. It would be much cheaper for them to raise the deficit by taxation than to pay 3c per bu more for all the grain they consume, and send abroad. To go back to the old figures would most assuredly be to adopt a ruinously "penny wise and pound foolish" policy.

The leading produce markets were more active to-day, at about the same general average of prices. Hogs, hog product, and wheat were higher, and some of the less important grain markets were lower. Our receipts are liberal, and much in excess of shipments, causing a steady augment of our stocks in store at the rate of fully 100,000 bu of grain per day. A fair order business was done in the market for staple and fancy groceries, and the attendance of buyers in person was also liberal, and the aggregate of the day's sales was full as large as on the preceding days of the week. Prices underwent no decided change, ruling firm for most articles, and only weak for sugars. Dry goods were again moving on a liberal scale, for the season, and former prices were firmly adhered to all around. Butter was active to the extent of the supply, and firm, all suitable offerings being readily disposed of at full former rates. There were no changes in the bagging, cheese, coal, and canned goods markets. Hay was dull and easy, owing to the scarcity of cars. Hides were quoted weak, and in green cured stock we note a ½¢ decline. There being no buyers at over 11¾¢ for light, and 10¾¢ for heavy. The lack of transportation facilities, and the stringency in the money market, are the principal causes of the present depression. Oils were in demand, and ruled steady, at 21@21½¢ for carbon oil; 22@22½¢ for linseed, and at 80@82¢ for turpentine.

Lumber and building materials continue to meet with a light inquiry at the prices previously quoted. Iron and nails were in moderate demand and firm. The demand for metals and tinners' stock is steadily increasing, and the market is working firmer. Tin plate is very firm, and as many advance is supposable. Naval stores remain quiet. Tar has declined, now quoted at $5.75@6.50 per brl. Otherwise there was no change. Cooperage was in moderate request. Pork barrels were a trifle firmer, but tierces were dull. The wool market remains quiet and unsettled. Hops and broom corn are unchanged. Seeds were in moderate demand at reduced prices. The receipts were very large. Choice poultry was in demand and steady at yesterday's prices, but most of the supply consisted of inferior stock, which sold slowly. Potatoes were in demand and firm. The scarcity of eggs continues, though the receipts this morning were a trifle larger, and prices are hardly as strong. Green fruits were in the average demand.

Highwines were in fair demand, and firm at the recent quotation, though again quoted inactive and easier in New York. Sales were reported of 200 brls at 87½¢ per gallon.

Dressed hogs were in good demand, and averaged fully 10c per 100 lbs higher, being wanted by both shippers and packers, with an increased preference for light weights, which sold at $5 05 @5.15, closing firm at $5.10. Heavy sold at $5.00@5.10, closing with $5.05 nid. Sales were reported of 184 head at $5.15; 861 at $5.10; 839 at $5.05; 3,095 at $5.00; 234 dividing on 200 lbs at $4.95@5.05; 88 do at $4.90@5.00; 1,124 do at $4.85@4.95; 86 do at $5.05@5.10; 300 do at $5.00@5.05. Total, 5,737 head.

Provisions were more active, and higher. Mess pork was the strongest article, being in good speculative demand, which caused an advance of 10@15c per brl. The market has been sold short to a very liberal extent by parties who believed that a much lower range of prices, consequent upon liberal receipts of hogs yet to come. It now seems that nearly all the hogs have been brought forward, and these parties are so anxious to cover that they have changed the current of packing, and as much of the hogs is being turned into pork as possible to meet the increased demand, while that has resulted on the price of hogs, and made them much higher than they would otherwise be. Lard was firm, in sympathy with pork, but not so much wanted; it advanced 2½@5c per 100 lbs. Meats were in fair request, and averaged ½¢ per lb higher, with the inquiry principally for large round lots for shipment. We note that nearly 2,000,000 lbs meats were again taken out yesterday. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller February, $12.85@12.90; do seller March, $13.00@13.05; do seller April, $13.25@13.30; do seller May, $13.50; prime mess, $11.00 @11.25; extra prime, $9.50@9.75. Lard, cash, or seller February, $7.37½@7.40; do seller March, $7.55@7.57½; do seller April, $7.70@7.75; do seller May, $7.80@7.85. Green hams at 9@9¾c for 16-lb averages, and 8@8¾c for 18-lb averages. Sweet pickled hams 1@1¼c above the price of green. Green shoulders, 3½c; do rough sides, 5¼@5¾c; do short ribs, 5¼c; do short clear 6¾c; dry salted meats quotable at 4¾@4¾c for shoulders; 6¼c for short ribs, and 6¾c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 4¾c. English meats, 6¾c for Cumberlands; 6¾c for short ribs; 6¾c for short clear; 9¾ @10c for long cut hams. Bacon is quoted at 5¾c for shoulders, 7¾c for clear ribs, 7¾c for short clear, all packed. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $27.00 @30.00. City tallow, 7¼@7¾c; grease quotable at 5½@6¾c. Sales were reported of 2,450 brls mess pork seller March at $13.00; 500 brls do at $12.95; 2,000 brls do seller April at $13.25; 250 tcs lard at $7.40; 60 tcs do (country) at $7.30; 50 tcs do (kettled) at $7.50; 750 tcs do seller March at $7.55; 450,000 lbs shoulders at 4¾c; 100,000 lbs do (part cured) at 4½c; 500 boxes shoulders at 4.35; 200 boxes do at $4.35; 900 boxes do seller March at 4¾c; 50 boxes long clear at 6¾c; 200,000 lbs short clear seller April at 6¾c; 3,000 pcs green hams (15 lbs) at 9¼c; 40,000 lbs do (16 lbs) at 9¼c; 1,700 pcs and 80,000 lbs do at 9c; 40,000 lbs do (20 lbs) at 7¾c; 50 brls do (16 lbs) at 9c; 100 tcs sweet pickled hams (15 lbs) at 10¾c.

Flour was very quiet at unchanged prices. The continued downward movement in New York causes a backwardness on the part of shippers to take hold, especially as our dealers are not disposed to grant corresponding concessions. Bran was steady. Sales were reported of 50 brls white winter extra (Farmers') at $10.25; 100 brls do at $8.50; 100 brls do (Wisconsin) at $8.45; 100 brls on private terms; 25 brls spring extras at $7.00; 50 brls do at $6.00; 100 brls rye (Forest City) at $4.75; 100 brls do (Oshkosh city) at $4.75; 25 brls at $4.75. Total, 650 brls. Also 10 tons corn meal at $12.00, at mill; 10 tons bran at $11.50; 10 tons do at $11.00, both on track. The following were the closing quotations:

Fair to choice white winter extras	$ 8.00 @10.50
Red winter extras	7.00 @ 8.00
Good to choice spring extras	6.25 @ 7.25
Low to medium	5.50 @ 6.00
Good to fancy Minnesota	7.00 @ 9.25
Spring superfines	3.50 @ 5.00
Rye flour	4.75 @ 4.90
Buckwheat flour	7.50 @ 7.75
Bran	11.50 @11.75
Middlings	12.00 @16.00

Wheat was more active, and averaged 1¾¢ higher, though very irregular. The market was strong early, and at one time quite excited, under the receipt of news of an advance in Liverpool; but turned in the downward direction about noon, when New York was quoted inactive, with no shipping room, and again recovered later in the session under a good local demand, but weakened further during the last half hour of the session. A good deal of wheat (paper) changed hands, the volume of transactions being fully three times greater than the recent average, though the transfers of cash lots were not large in amount. The business was confined to seller March, which opened at $1.23½, advanced to $1.25¾, and declined to $1.24¼ at the close. Seller the month, or regular No. 2 spring sold at $1.23½@1.24, closing nominally lower at $1.23¾. Seller April sold at $1.26¾@1.28¼, closing at the inside. No. 1 spring was firmer at $1.29@1.30. No. 3 spring closed at $1.11, and rejected do at 99c. Cash sales were reported of 500 bu No. 2 spring at $1.30; 400 bu do at $1.29; 2,000 bu No. 2 spring at $1.24½; 1,600 bu do at $1.24¼; 7,200 bu do at $1.24; 39,800 bu do at $1.23¾; 10,000 bu do at $1.23¾; 18,800 bu do at $1.23¾; 1,600 bu No. 3 spring at $1.11½; 10,800 bu do at $1.11¼; 8,800 bu do at $1.11; 2,400 bu do at 11½; 1,600 bu do at $1.10¾; 400 bu rejected spring at 98¾c; 400 bu do at 98½c; 2,000 bu do at 98c; 400 bu by sample at $1.33, delivered. Total, 108,600 bu.

Corn was less active, but a shade higher on the average, the chief demand being for options, which were relatively firmer than cash lots. The greater firmness was due to a reported advance in Liverpool late yesterday, which caused a slight strengthening on the sidewalk last evening. The receipts were larger, the inspection being 334 cars, but the receivers were not pressing the property for sale. Seller March sold at 31½@31¾c, closing at 31¾@31½c; No. 2, or seller the month, closed at 31c; seller April sold at 32¾@32¾c; seller May at 36¾c; seller June at 37¾c, all closing rather tame. Cash sales were reported of 25,600 bu No. 2 at 31¾c; 69,000 bu do at 31c; 14,800 bu rejected at 27c; 1,600 bu ear at 34c delivered. Total, 111,000 bu.

Oats were quiet and about ½c lower, though reported stronger in New York, the cause of the easier feeling being that buyers hold off in anticipation of increasing receipts. Seller the month sold at 26½@26¾c; seller March at 26¾c; seller April at 27¾c; seller May at 31c; all closing steady. Cash sales were reported of 1,000 bu No. 2 at 26¾c; 8,400 bu do at 26½c; 2,400 bu rejected at 23½c. Total, 20,800 bu.

Rye was more active and a shade firmer, the demand being somewhat greater than the supply. Cash sales were reported of 1,200 bu No. 2 at 66c, and 3,600 bu do at 65¾c.

Barley was more active and a shade easier. The market opened steady at 66c bid for No. 2 cash, and 68¾c for do seller March; but later an operator tried to "jump on it," and succeeded to the extent of ½c, but the market recovered, and closed steady at opening quotations. No. 3 was irregular, at 55c in Rock Island to 61¾c in Central Elevators. Cash sales were reported of 2,000 bu No. 3 at 69c; 1,200 bu do at 68¾c; 5,000 bu do at 68c; 400 bu do at 67½c; 1,600 bu No. 3 at 61¾c; 1,600 bu do at 61c; 400 bu do at 60¾c; 1,200 bu do at 60c; 400 bu do at 59c; 400 bu do at 58¾c; 800 bu do at 58c; 400 bu do at 55c; 1,600 bu rejected at 54c; 400 bu do at 53c; 1,200 bu do at 47½c; 400 bu do at 47c; 800 bu by sample at 76c; 400 bu do at 60c, all on track. Total, 20,200 bu.

WOOL IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Helmuth Schwartze gives the following as the importations of wool into Great Britain for the years named:

	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
New South Wales and Queensland	121,401	142,888	133,655	128,847
Victoria	206,053	209,088	216,476	198,695
Tasmania	12,167	17,039	15,884	14,625
South Australia	26,197	26,479	25,860	20,659
West Australia	4,779	5,209	4,743	5,443
New Zealand	85,119	106,660	110,856	104,566
Australasian	456,516	549,364	507,013	472,709
Cape	154,804	134,660	138,977	124,302
Colonial	638,960	672,314	666,200	661,601
German	72,000	76,400	75,857	75,000
Spanish and Portuguese	12,928	10,870	10,553	16,125
East India and Persian	58,216	60,000	62,872	65,216
Russian	25,161	18,474	18,000	18,000
River Plate	14,099	11,122	16,329	16,495
Peru, Lima, and Chili	45,658	38,623	39,333	40,000
Alpaca	24,674	28,850	27,009	28,628
Mediterranean and African	20,564	18,448	20,535	20,453
Mohair	22,718	24,190	24,749	21,804
Sundry	13,406	16,977	28,842	28,979
Total	903,942	888,117	1096,491	1013,676

The British Board of Trade makes returns as follows:

	1872.	1871.	*Av. '66-'71.*
Imports of wool from Australia, lbs	178,366,436	182,758,585	153,156,507
Imports of wool from Cape of Good Hope	84,791,628	82,643,785	83,462,673
Imports of wool from British India	18,420,176	19,494,009	17,991,795
Imports of wool from European countries	40,883,663	54,276,417	31,412,943
Imports of wool from other countries	25,546,371	30,943,540	29,978,064
Total imports of foreign and colonial wool	353,909,882	319,511,336	316,201,982
Total exports of foreign and colonial wool	157,513,861	135,089,794	101,114,217
Leaving for home consumption	195,397,021	184,421,542	157,207,770
Imports of Alpaca, Vaculas, and Llamas	3,819,089	3,607,326	3,284,366
Imports of Goat's Hair	6,435,482	5,672,631	No. av.
Exports of domestic wool to Germany	1,911,543	2,156,430	1,849,323
Exports of domestic wool to Belgium	1,120,256	2,983,428	1,256,429
Exports of domestic wool to France	1,025,377	2,787,306	4,292,671
Exports of domestic wool to United States	2,489,171	2,422,256	1,603,343
Exports of domestic wool to other countries	1,116,514	1,758,391	1,251,225
Total exports of domestic wool	7,662,771	11,908,813	10,253,743
Total exports of woollen and worsted manufactures	233,883,680	27,184,704	23,160,230
Total imports of woollen and worsted manufactures	4,162,132	4,668,474	2,745,273
Exports of imports over exports of woollen	58,280,817	22,516,230	19,415,007
Total exports of woollen and worsted yarns	6,110,292	6,101,777	5,593,915
Total imports of woollen and worsted yarns	1,981,976	1,101,175	1,370,568
Excess of exports over imports	4,128,316	5,000,602	4,223,347
Exports of woollen and worsted manufactures and yarns to Germany	11,687,299	10,319,382	7,868,699
Exports of woollen and worsted manufactures and yarns to France	4,294,786	3,415,439	2,947,617
Exports of woollen and worsted manufactures and yarns to the United States	6,306,390	5,471,726	4,894,859
Imports of woollen rags torn up or not, to be used as wool, lbs	67,367,309	51,447,648	33,135,894

LATEST.

In the afternoon wheat was fairly active, and ½¢ higher, No. 2 spring was nominal at $1.23¾ @1.25 seller the month, and sold at $1.24½@ 1.26 seller March, the latter closing at the inside. Corn was quiet and unchanged, quotable at 31c seller the month, and 31¾@31½c seller March. Other cereals and provisions were inactive, and nominally unchanged.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 14.

ALCOHOL—Was in moderate request, and steady at $1.75@1.80 for 94 per cent proof.

BROOM CORN—There was no perceptible change in this market. The better qualities of corn are in moderate demand; but aside from this the market is dull. Stocks are large. We quote: No. 1 hurl, 6@6½c per lb; No. 1 stock brush, 5@5½c; No. 2 do, 4@4½c; No. 3 do, 3@3½c; inside green 3½c; do red tip, 3@4c; do pale andred, 2@2½c.

BEANS—Continue to meet with a fair demand. The offerings of common to fair grades are ample, but strictly prime beans are scarce. We quote: Navies at $2.40@2.65; fair to prime, $2.00@2.40; common to medium, $1.50@2.00.

BUILDING MATERIALS—The demand continues light. There were no changes in prices, which are quotable as follows: Stucco, $2.50@2.75; New York stucco, casting, $4.00; superfine do, $4.50@4.50; Rosendale cement, $1.25@3.50; Utica cement, $3.00 per brl; Louisville cement, $2.00; Akron cement, $2.00; marble dust, $3.25@3.50; lime in bulk, $1.10; lime (brls), $1.25@ 1.50 per brl; white sand, per brl, $2.75@3.00; plastering hair, per bu, 40@50c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@90.00; building brick (common), $9.50@14.00; country brick, $10.50@11.00; Woodstock pressed range at $26.00@40.00; St. Louis hydraulic pressed, $45.00, del.; Milwaukee, $33.00, del.; Racine, $30.00, del.; Hillsdale, $25.00, del.; fire clay, per brl, $4.00@5.00. The following is the list of prices per box of 50 feet for domestic window glass, from which a reduction of 40 and 5 per cent is made to dealers:

	First quality.	*Double strength.*
6x 8 to 7x 9	$ 6.75	$ 8.00
7x10 to 8x10	6.75	9.00
8x11 to 10x13	7.25	10.00
8x14 to 10x15	8.00	12.00
11x14 to 12x17	8.75	14.00
12x18 to 16x20	9.25	16.00
14x22 to 16x24	10.00	18.00
18x22 to 18x30	11.00	19.00
20x28 to 24x30	13.00	21.00
26x28 to 24x36	14.00	24.00
26x34 to 26x40	15.00	26.00
28x38 to 28x44	16.00	28.00
30x46 to 30x48	18.00	29.00
30x50 to 32x52	....	30.00
32x54 to 34x56	....	36.00
34x58 to 34x60	....	42.00
36x62 to 40x60	....	45.00

BUTTER—The receipts are improving some, but the offerings are not yet sufficient to satisfy the demand, and former prices are firmly sustained for all desirable grades. Shippers and local buyers were general purchasers to-day, and sales were readily effected at the quoted prices. We repeat our list, as follows: Common to choice roll, 17@24c; strictly choice dairy, packed, 27@28c; medium to good, 20@24c; inferior common, 9@18c.

BAGGING—Nothing new was developed in connection with the bagging market. So far as cotton seamless goods are concerned, steady activity prevails, and a firm, buoyant tone pervades the market. Other articles in the list are in moderate request only, and prices are unchanged. We quote: Stark, 37c; Ludlow, 35c; Lawrence, 33c; American, 33c; Amoskeag, 33c; Otter Creek, 34c; burlap bags, 4 and 5 bu, 20@22½¢; gunnies, single, 17½@18½c; do, double, 28@29c; wool sacks, 68c.

CANNED GOODS AND PICKLES—Business was again reported fairly active, and firmness prevailed in all departments of the market. We repeat our quotations of yesterday:

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, 2 lb	$ 1.85@ 2.00
Peaches, 3 lb	2.35@ 2.30
Pears, 2 lb	2.00@ 2.25
Plums, damsons, 2 lb	2.00@ 2.25
Green gages and egg, 2 lb	2.75@ 3.25
Quinces, 2 lb	2.00@ 2.25
Strawberries, 2 lb	2.60@ 2.75
Raspberries	2.50@ 2.75
Blackberries, 2 lb	1.90@ 2.20
Gooseberries, 2 lb	2.25@ 2.50
Tomatoes, 2 lb	2.15@ 2.25
Tomatoes, 3 lb	2.50@ 2.70
Corn, Elgin	2.80@ 3.00
Corn, Benton Harbor	2.65@ 2.80
Corn, Yarmouth	2.90@ 3.00
Peas, 2 lb, pod	3.15@ 3.50
Peas, 2 lb, soaked	1.60@ 1.70
Lima beans, 2 lb	2.60@ 2.80
Succotash, 2 lb	2.35@ 2.50
Lobster, 2 lb	3.40@ 3.50
Lobster, 1 lb	2.40@ 2.50
Oysters, 2 lb	....
Oysters, 1 lb	1.20@ 1.30

PICKLES.

Small, brls, 2,200 per pkg	$10.50@11.50
Small, ½ brls, 1,100 per pkg	6.00@ 6.50
Medium, brls, 1,200 per pkg	8.50@ 9.00
Medium, ½ brls, 600 per pkg	5.25@ 5.75
Large, brls, 600 per pkg	7.50@ 8.50
Large, ½ brls, 300 per pkg	4.75@ 5.25
In 10 gal. kegs, per keg	3.75@ 4.25
In 5 gal. kegs, per keg	2.75@ 3.25
Chow Chow (Harvey), qts	5.75@ 6.25
Chow Chow (Harvey), pts	3.00@ 3.50
Chow Chow (C. & B.), qts	4.50@ 5.00
Chow Chow (C. & B.), pts	3.75@ 4.00

MAPLE SYRUP.

Pure, ¼ gall. cans, per doz	$ 9.50@10.00
Pure, quart cans, per doz	5.50@ 6.00
Extra golden, quart cans, per doz	7.00@ 7.50
Extra golden, quart cans, per doz	4.00@ 4.25

CHEESE—Prices of prime goods were strong, the supply of such being light, not only here but in all the markets of the country. Of common to fair qualities the supply is in every way ample. The following quotations are furnished: New York factory, 14½@16c; Ohio factory, 13@14c; Western factory, 13@14c.

COAL—Dealers report a quiet trade, and prices remain steady and uniform, as follows: Lehigh lump, $13.50@3.00; Lehigh, prepared, $12.50@13.00; Lackawanna, $12.00; Erie, $10.50@11.00; Briar Hill, $10.50@11.00; Wilmot Hill, $11.00; Blossburg, $10.00; Cherry Mine, $9.50; Hocking Valley, $9.50@10.00; Indiana Cannel coal, $10.00; Indiana block, $9.00; Minonk, $8.00; Wellington, $7.00.

COOPERAGE—Pork barrels were in demand and firmer. Tierces were dull and weak; sales were made at $1.50@1.65. Other descriptions were in moderate request and firm. We quote: Pork barrels, $1.15 @1.25; lard tierces, $1.50@1.65; whiskey barrels, $2.00@2.25; flour barrels, 50@55c; rough staves (pork), $17.00@18.00; do (tierce), $19.00@21.00; do (whiskey), $25.00@26.00; flour and bucked staves average $3.00 more than rough; flour staves, $8.50@ 9.50; circle flour heading, 7@8c per set; flour hoop poles, $14.00@15.00 per m; pork and tierce poles, $10.00@12.00 per m. Sales include 1 car pork barrels at $1.25; 2 cars do at $1.20; 3 cars do at $1.15; 1 car lard tierces at $1.65; 350 do at $1.50.

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TAXATION OF BANK STOCK.

State Court Injunctions Preventing the Collection of National Bank Taxes Reversed by the Supreme Court.

Review of a Decision by Judge Blodgett, and of Arguments Based on the Action of the Federal Courts.

The Supreme Court Can Find No Authority for the Ruling of the United States Circuit Court.

A recent decision of Judge Blodgett, restraining the collection of taxes on bank stock, where the banks do business in this county, whose stockholders reside in other counties and States, was followed by an avalanche of petitions for such injunctions both in the State and United States Courts, all of which, or nearly so, have been obtained; the relief thus granted, at the expense of Chicago and Cook County, amounting already to the serious sum of upwards of half a million dollars.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has just reversed the decision of the Circuit Court of LaSalle County, in the cause, First National Bank of Mendota, v. Daniel M. Smith, Collector of the town of Mendota and, in doing so, has expressed its non-concurrence in the decision of the United States Circuit Court in very decided terms, that decision having been cited and relied on in the arguments. We print such portions of the decision of the Supreme Court as refer to the United States Circuit Court:

The case in the United States Circuit Court, to which we have been cited, was a bill brought by the bank to restrain the collection of city taxes from any of the shareholders, whether resident or non-resident, in the City of Chicago. The shares of the residents were even, in the view of that Court, not properly taxable there. The shares of non-residents were, in the view of the Court, not within the city, but attached to the persons of their owners at the domicils of the latter, and were therefore not taxable there. For exactly that reason it held that the property in the city *subject* to taxation was assessed. The addition to that assessment of property belonging to non-residents, and not within the city, according to the view of the Court, by their own, if that view were correct, a wrong to the non-resident owners; but certainly was none to the resident tax-payers, and did not destroy either equality or uniformity of taxation as between them. The case commended at such length on this position of the Federal Courts, because the same position is taken by counsel in the case before us on the authority of that decision, and the same relief is asked, for the resident stockholders that was granted there. As is apparent in the extract from the opinion already given, the decision rests upon two propositions: First, that a tax cannot be assessed where there is no jurisdiction either over the person or the property. Second, that personal property has no *situs* of its own, but follows the person of its owner, and if this is not always true of tangible personal property, it is of incorporeal personal property, like shares of bank stock. The correctness of the first proposition is not questioned. It is undoubtedly true that the Legislature could not constitutionally authorize the city having a tax upon lands or other property having a fixed *situs* in LaSalle County. The second proposition is correct as a general rule of the common law. It is one of obvious convenience in administration at law and will govern in the distribution of estates of deceased persons. But, while it is a rule of the common law, that is all that can be said of it. The fallacy of the reasoning of the Federal Court rested in the assumption of the counsel for the appellant, seems to be in assuming that this rule of the common law cannot be changed by statute. The Legislature, by the act of 1867, certainly intended to change it in regard to bank shares, and to fix their *situs* for all purposes of taxation, in the county where the bank is situated. The language employed is broad enough to effect such change. The question is not whether the act of 1867 was one necessary exercise of legislative power. Where is the constitutional provision which prohibits the change? We have been referred to none; and in what provision here the prohibition is? We confess ourselves at a loss to conjecture. That the decision of the Federal Court assumes and is based upon the theory that the *situs* of the shares is inseparable, even by statute, from the person of the owner is undeniable. It was not pointed to no provision of the Constitution prohibiting what would seem to be an exercise of one of the plainest and simplest of legislative powers. That the Legislature could change the rule of the common law in this respect, seems to us a proposition too plain for argument; and if the power had not been practically denied by a Court of such respectability, we should have thought it clear as to admit of no judicial controversy. Story, in his "Conflict of Laws," Section 50, speaking of this question of *situs*, says: "The general doctrine is not controverted that, though movables are for many purposes to be deemed to have no *situs*, except that of the domicil of the owner. Yet, this being but a *legal fiction*, it yields whenever it is necessary, for the purposes of justice, to the actual *situs* of the thing should be examined." The separation of the *situs* of personal property from the domicil of the owner for the purposes of taxation is familiar doctrine in the Courts of this country. It has been sanctioned in numerous cases in various cases. In Wilsey v. The City of Joliet, 20 Illinois, 160, it was held that a resident of that city could not under the charter be taxed on personal property not having its actual *situs* within the city. The effect of the property was held under the charter not to attach to the person of the owner. In Mills v. Thornton, 36 Illinois, 306, a like severance of the *situs* from the person for the purposes of taxation was recognized. In the City of Dunleith v. Reynold, 42 Illinois, 45, the Court held certain personal property within the city subject to taxation, though the owners resided elsewhere. What is true, there was cases of tangible property. But in the Board of Supervisors v. Davenport, 40 Ill. 198, the same principle was applied to property not tangible. It was there held that money belonging to citizens of New York, and sent for an agent in Tazewell County to be loaned, was taxable by the county. The property was a mere *chose in action*, but its *situs* was, by the terms of the Revenue law, severed from the owner and attached to the agent in this State as to the latter case, that the possession of the agent was that of the principal. If this be conceded, it may also be said that the bank files this bill as Trustee of the stockholders; and as such represents the latter, and the Legislature, when it fixed the *situs* of the property at the locality of the bank. We have seen that the power of the Legislature was ample to fix the *situs* of the property of the bank. The power was exercised and legitimate. It was necessary, because, if it had not been passed, much of the bank stock in the State would have soon escaped taxation by sales as obvious as good as specification. This is impossible. The Assessor of each town every bank in the county, and has but the books to ascertain the ownership of the stock, instead of defeating uniformity and equality of taxation, which is the theory upon which it is asserted, does, in our judgment, tend to the results more effectually than any other that could have been adopted. This question has been before the highest Courts of New York and Massachusetts, and they have decided as we do. National Bank, 3 Dennis, 447. The People v. Commissioners, 25 New York, 423. We know of no case that can be cited in support of the ruling of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois, to which we have already sufficiently adverted. The case just cited from 25th New York, in which this point was expressly ruled, was afterwards carried to the Supreme Court of the United States; this point was not deemed of sufficient importance to be raised before that Court, and the judgment of the Court of Appeals of New York was affirmed there without reference by the Court to the question. 4 Wallace, 244. We cannot regard the attempt of the National Banks to shield their stockholders from all State taxation as at all meritorious. They offer no grounds for the alleged exemption which we can regard as even plausible. Although their franchises are conferred by acts of Congress, still all their business, so far as conducted with reference to profit, is done under our State laws, the same as corporations created by the laws of this State. It is by the laws of the State that their business transactions are governed, and by the same laws that their property is protected. So that they are under the same duty to contribute to the support of the State and municipal governments as any natural person on a State corporation may be. Unless exempted by some plain rule of law, they should not ask a Court of equity to relieve their stockholders from that duty. Decree affirmed.

INDIGNATION ALLAYED.

How Superintendent Hughitt Met a Delegation of Suburban Residents.

The Recent Detentions and Accidents on the Northwestern Railway Satisfactorily Explained.

About forty indignant patrons of the Chicago & Northwestern suburban trains crowded into the General Superintendent's office yesterday morning to lay their grievous complaints before Mr. Marvin Hughitt. When they had stood up in formidable array, all around the large room, the spokesman, a fluent lawyer,—Davis, by name,—addressed the General Superintendent, as the representative of the aggrieved suburban residents on the Wisconsin Division. The opening charge was that, for two weeks past, scarcely a train had rrrived on time. Frequently they had been delayed two hours or more. The result was that several clerks lost their situations, real estate dealers had missed good offers, and attorneys had failed to appear in time to manage profitable cases. They had been induced to purchase and locate in the suburban towns on the understanding that every needed railroad facility would always be supplied. The failure of these was rapidly depreciating the value of their property, and preventing the growth of the numerous towns. Another complaint was, that many of the cars were absolutely unfit for passenger travel. The engines were out of repair and unable to haul the trains. Then they were often delayed in the yard to wait for freight trains. What they required was better equipment, more trains, and good running time. Residents of Norwood, Barrington, and Maplewood indorsed the statements, and added to them the complaint that fuel was not furnished at the several stations.

Mr. Hughitt replied that he had not known of any unusual detentions, other than those incident to the unprecedented severity of the season. The weather, as affecting railroads, had exceeded all his previous experience. Of ten locomotives that had been supplied with new axles, nine had already broken. No iron could withstand the severe strain. Now engines had broken down as readily as older ones, but every effort would be made to furnish adequate power. Regarding additional trains, the pressure for more came from all divisions of the road. The Company was glad to see the demand, and would endeavor to meet it; but if the complainants could exchange places with the manager for a day or two, and receive the numerous real estate delegations who urged the peculiar demands and advantages of their individual locations, they would be amazed at the number of the "choicest suburban sites."

Regarding passenger cars, the Company was constructing twenty new coaches, which would be ready for use next spring. It had expended $90,000 in the equipment, and in supplying the cars with the Miller platform and patent air brakes, without which trains were not sufficiently safe. If the cars had been neglected, parties who would keep them clean were immediately employed. No railroad had been exempt from broken axles, journals, and pedestals. No forethought or skill could have averted these accidents. Some engines just received from the famous Eastern shops had broken down, though furnished with steel tires. That morning, the Sterling passenger had broken an axle that was put in last June. If the complainants only knew the anxiety of mind and the strain constantly upon the general officers, they would feel that their share of annoyance was comparatively small. Still, wherever they had any complaints to prefer, the officers of the Company would be very glad to hear and consider them, and, if possible, they should be remedied; if otherwise, a reason therefor would always be cheerfully given. At present the Company could not put on more cars, but would as soon as the new equipment was provided. The other matters of complaint would be immediately investigated, and every possible effort be promptly made to oblige and suit the convenience of the patrons of the road.

A gentleman asked if they could be allowed to ride on some of the freight trains, to which Mr. Hughitt gave an unequivocal negative reply, because the experience of every railroad superintendent in Illinois proved that more injuries and deaths resulted from riding upon freight trains than from any other cause. It was the wish of the Company to accommodate the greatest number, and, to ascertain their wishes, some gentlemen could easily circulate petitions among the frequent patrons of the trains, naming the hours at which they would prefer the trains to run, and the Company would endeavor to please the majority.

The expressions of the General Superintendent completely removed the indignation so manifest upon the opening of the conference, and, with hearty good will, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hughitt for the courtesy and honorable disposition shown by him toward his unexpected visitors.

A SWINDLE EXPOSED.

A swindler, who has been victimizing country people, was apprehended by Officer Silver yesterday, and taken to the Mayor's office for an interview with His Honor. His name is Frank Page, and his "office" is in the building No. 60 South Canal street. The circular he issued contained a list of "rich and rare books, handsomely bound, for private and select circulation." The titles indicated their supposed contents, and were such as would catch the eye of a schoolboy or an old man of vitiated taste. Had he really distributed the demoralizing literature he would have been liable to prosecution, but he evaded that by a little subterfuge, which enhanced his profits an hundred fold. The book covers contained the titles mentioned in the circular, but they enclosed reading matter which could not be called immoral,—dime novels, and blood and thunder stories that would disturb the rest of sensitive people. The Mayor made Page promise that he would not issue any more circulars, and then dismissed him. Nearly five thousand of the documents have been sent into the country, and those who have received them should not give them any attention. If they do they will not receive a "racy" book, but pay $2.50 or $3 for a novel which they can purchase at any news stand for 10 cents.

PERSONAL.

Dr. W. T. Sturtevant, of Mokena, is ill of fever, and will be compelled to keep his room for from ten to fifteen days.

Mr. Frank Perkins, prompter at Hooley's Opera House, is not the man sought for by Mrs. Annie Perkins, of Troy, N. Y. Her Frank has undoubtedly "gone West."

The General Agency of the United States Life Insurance Company, of New York, for Northern Illinois, has changed hands, Mr. John J. D. Bristol, for the past five years with the Connecticut Mutual, succeeding Mr. Samuel Green, with headquarters in this city. Mr. Bristol has one of the most successful records, and hails from Detroit.

Mr. John R. Woodbridge, of the Western Methodist Book Concern, and Miss Mary H., eldest daughter of Amos Grannis, Esq., a well-known architect, were married on Wednesday evening last at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 1192 Indiana avenue, in the presence of a large number of friends, Rev. Mr. McChesney performed the ceremony.

Mr. Richard Somers, manager of the internal affairs of the Sherman House, has tendered his resignation, which will take effect March 1. Mr. Somers has been engaged in the hotel business in this city for many years, and merits the popularity he enjoys. It is said he contemplates becoming the proprietor of a first-class hotel. If so, his many friends will wish him success.

GRAIN DOCTORING.

How Tainted Barley is Chemically Cleaned.

Sulphur Used to Give a False Appearance to Grain.

Three Establishments Engaged in the Business in This City.

Effects of the "Doctoring" on the Chicago Market.

During the last three or four years, the business of doctoring grain in this city has grown to such dimensions as to become deserving of more attention than has been paid it, especially since it has of late begun to exercise a disastrous influence upon the barley trade of Chicago, which there at present seems to be no way of getting rid of. We have always had some contrivances for cleaning grain which was unobjectionable except for the fact that it was

TOO DIRTY TO PASS MUSTER

in a given grade, and it has long been customary to take the lower grades of wheat and mix them with higher ones in such proportions that the result would just come within the standard of the higher grade, thus injuriously lowering the general average of that grade, making it approximate very closely to the one immediately below it, and causing the holders of the better quality of wheat of that grade to suffer a loss.

THE CHEMICAL DOCTORING OF GRAIN

is a process of comparatively recent origin. We now have no less than three cleaning mills in the city, furnished with the best machinery for the purpose, where large quantities of chemicals, and particularly sulphur, are annually used, for the purpose of giving a false appearance to grain, and doing to it somewhat that which an old Hebrew does to an old hat which he has picked out of the gutter, who rubs it up, puts on a little finish here and there, and turns it out, a new article, which looks well for a day or two of fine weather, but which, under the first shower, wilts to its original worthlessness.

THE THREE ESTABLISHMENTS

of which we speak are those of Howe & McMullen, on the corner of Clark and Sixteenth streets; of George Seaverns, near Flint & Thompson's elevators, in the vicinity of Twelfth street; and Netter's house, in the old Burlington Hall. These places run spasmodically, sometimes being almost inactive for several weeks together, and at other times running night and day. When in full blast, they can each turn out at least ten thousand bushels of this transmogrified grain, making an average profit of from fifteen to twenty-five cents a bushel. The times of greatest activity for these mills are those of the

MOST INTENSE SPECULATIVE EXCITEMENT

in grain on 'Change. During the last corner in wheat, when the speculative grade, No. 2, was raised in price from thirty to forty cents per bushel beyond what it would have been but for the existence of the corner, the proprietors of these places bought No. 3 spring wheat and "rejected," put it through their mills, bringing it out as No. 2, the only difference being that there was rather less in quantity, owing to the fact that a small percentage of dirt had been taken out of it. It must be said that this part of the business is perfectly legitimate, the question being simply one of rivalry between two sets of speculators, one anxious to increase the volume of the speculative grade of any given grain, and the other anxious to keep it down within the smallest possible limits. So far as a mere contest between

BULLS AND BEARS

is concerned, the public can have but little interest, as there is probably little to complain of, outside of this speculative transaction, in their dealings with wheat, but it is in barley that their chief profits lie, and they glory most in a barley corner.

It is well known among grain dealers that the difference between any two grades of barley, as, for instance, No. 2 and No. 3, does not depend alone upon its weight or plumpness, but upon its color.

BARLEY

which is heavy and plump enough to pass as No. 2, may, owing to the fact that it has been out in the field too long, or has been overtaken by the shock, or has even been snowed upon during its transit in the cars, from the grower to this city, become discolored, or, as the dealers in it say, "tainted," to such an extent that the Inspectors will class it as No. 3. Now, if this were a mere outside taint, like the coloring of the shell of an egg, there might be no great harm in removing the stain; but the reason why this "tainted" grain is not allowed to be classed as No. 2 is because the outward discoloration is supposed to be a sign of

AN INTERNAL TAINT,

which will prevent the brewer's making clear, bright beer or ale with the malt made from such barley. Hence this "tainted" barley is used by brewers for the making of common and inferior grades of malt liquors, and the best barley—that which is not merely sound, but which carries external evidence of its soundness—is kept for the best grades. Some of the brewers cheat with this inferior barley, by using it for the manufacture of what they call "Bass' ale," the true article being made only in England.

THE WAY

in which these lower grades of barley, and "tainted" barley, are made to appear as No. 2, is by subjecting the grain to the sulphur bath. The manipulator takes rolls of sulphur, breaks them up into small pieces, and puts them in a retort in the lower part of the building. The fumes are then conducted through pipes into an inclined and revolving drum in the upper part of the building. The grain runs into the higher end of the drum, from the bins. The drum revolves slowly, agitating the grain, and giving the sulpher fumes an opportunity to pass through the mass, which afterwards runs out at the lower end of the drum.

THE GREATEST TROUBLE

of these people has hitherto been to remove the sulphur smell from the grain thus treated, but it is understood that they have recently hit upon chemical preparations which take away that odor entirely, and render it almost impossible for even an expert to say that the grain has been doctored up to a higher grade. In reality, the best proof of this doctoring is the fact that the grain has

AN ALMOST SUPERNATURAL WHITENESS,

such as results from the cutting of barley before it is fully ripe. This barley, gathered before maturity, makes a fancy grain, which has often sold for an advance of two or three cents a bushel upon standard No. 2, but is really no good for brewing purposes, and experienced brewers do not touch it.

The greater portion of this doctored grain is sent directly to the East, where it passes muster as good straight No. 2. The grain dealers in Chicago have, however, had a good deal of trouble with it. During

THE EXCITEMENT IN BARLEY,

two or three months ago, a number of car-loads of No. 3 and "rejected" barley were taken from the Rock Island Elevators to the cleaning mill, and thence sent into the Northwestern Elevator as No. 2. It will be remembered that, owing to a difference in the interpretation of the inspection rules by the Inspectors at those two elevators, the proprietor of the cleaning mill was enabled, after the first day or two, to transfer the grain from one house to the other without taking the trouble of cleaning it. The trouble raised by the persons who were obliged to take this grain resulted in

A DISCRIMINATION

of several cents per bushel in the price of Rock Island barley, and, as a result, it is understood that there has been a movement among the warehousemen to follow the example of Armour, Dole & Co., who long ago refused to take into their houses any grain sent to them from those cleaning mills. There are difficulties surrounding the question, which make it impossible for the warehousemen, as a class, to adhere to this rule, but it is believed they have made it so much more difficult than formerly to bring this grain into their houses, that the bulk of it is now shipped directly to the East, where it is sold on its merits, and helps to lower the character of our inspection in Eastern markets, as well as the price of good barley. Since it is impossible to tell whether the grain is bad or good, and the brewer does not know whether he is to be cheated or not,

THE INEVITABLE RESULT

is a general fall of prices, and those who hold good grain have to suffer for the doings of those men who are carrying on a business which, while it may no be in violation of law, is not morally defensible.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

The first train of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad will leave the Union Depot, on the corner of Canal and Madison streets, tomorrow evening.

An old man, who was so intoxicated that he was unable to give his name, slipped and fell on the walk, at the corner of Madison and Clark streets, yesterday noon, and was badly injured about the face and head.

The watchman on board a vessel lying near Harrison street, on the west side of the stream, reports that, on Wednesday night, a man fell into the river, near where he was standing, and was drowned. The watchman did not state to our informant how the drowned man got through the ice, which is over a foot thick.

The rumors that John B. Gough will not lecture in this city are untrue. The Lecture Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association have heard from him, and he says that he intends to fulfill his engagements. He will lecture under the auspices of the Association on the evenings of Feb. 27 and 28, and March 17. The subjects will be announced hereafter.

The Plymouth Congregational Church Society have purchased the north 110 feet of the residence property of John L. Hancock, on Michigan avenue, near Twenty-sixth street, and will commence in the spring the erection of a house of worship which will accommodate 2,000 people. Architects are now preparing plans, the best of which will be adopted.

Yesterday morning at about half-past 8 o'clock the Illinois Central mail train ran off the track at the Burnside brick kiln switch, just this side of Calumet. The engine stopped about thirty feet from the track right side up, and but little damaged. The tender was overturned and badly smashed on the side track. The mail car turned over upon its side and dragged several times its length in distance. Postal clerks were uninjured. The express messenger had his hand hurt and returned to the city. None of the passengers were injured.

Ex-Police Commissioners Reno and Klokke were at the police headquarters yesterday, and assisted the Board of Police-Commissioner Sheridan—to audit the pay-rolls of the Police and Fire Departments. The questions the members of both departments are anxious to have answered are: If the ex-Commissioners have no right to act as members of the Board, will the Comptroller recognize their signatures? and, as the men cannot be paid until the pay-rolls are audited, who is going to audit them? The Mayor, when informed that it seemed to be the prevailing impression that a majority of the Aldermen were in sympathy with the Board, and would reject his nominees, replied that he would send in the names of persons for confirmation as Police Commissioners until the Directory was exhausted. When the controversy will end, the members of the Legislature can alone determine.

Lunt, Preston & Koan,

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TO RENT—HANDSOMELY FURNISHED AND UNfurnished rooms by the day, week, or month, at the St. JULIEN, 181 and 183 Dearborn-st. Terms reasonable.

TO RENT--HOUSES.

TO RENT—SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS OF building 47 North Clark-st., now occupied as a boarding house; immediate possession given. Inquire on the premises.

TO RENT—BRICK HOUSE CONTAINING TEN rooms with modern improvements; also furniture for sale at a sacrifice; furniture now last August. Apply at 41 Thirty-second-st.

TO RENT—HOUSE 1256 WABASH-AV. IN SPLENdid order. Inquire at COHN & CO., 101 East Harrison-st.

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TO RENT--STORES, OFFICES, &c.

TO RENT—STORES AND BASEMENTS IN THE Lexington House, corner Randolph-st. and Fifth-av.; several stores connected with the hotel office. Apply to CHASE & ADAMS, 81 Bryan Block.

TO RENT—A FINE SUITE OF FRONT OFFICES ON Clark-st., with rear entrance from Board of Trade alley; rent until 1st of May, $125. JACOB C. MAGILL, Real Estate and Loan Agent, 81 and 83 Clark-st.

TO RENT—CHEAP—ROOMS, WITH OR WITHOUT power, in basement and alley floor, at 91 and 93 DISTON & SONS Saw Works, 22nd Block, Randolph and Market-sts.

WANTED---TO RENT.

WANTED—TO RENT—ROOM ABOUT 20x30, well adapted for light manufacturing purposes; third or fourth stories will answer; must be within one mile of Court House. Address or call on WM. M. FERRIS, Cragin Bros. & Co., 145 Lake-st.

WANTED—TO RENT—A NICELY FURNISHED room for two gentlemen, within block of Woodruff House; must have hot and cold water, and all modern conveniences. Address, stating terms, D 24, Tribune office.

WANTED—TO RENT—A HOUSE OF EIGHT OR ten rooms, with gas and water, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-ninth-sts., and Vincennes-av. and the Lake. Address G. W. HARPER, Box 518, Chicago, stating terms.

WANTED—TO RENT—A SMALL COTTAGE, OR three or four unfurnished rooms, on South or West Side. Rent not over $20. Man and wife only, state location, size and price; no others noticed. Address X 66, Tribune office.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

West Side.

88 AND 40 WEST MADISON-ST. OPPOSITE THE Sherman House; rooms with board $5.50 per week.

123 WEST MADISON-ST.—TO RENT, PLEASANT rooms with board in a pleasant family; also, table boarding. Please call on east side of hall.

293 WEST LAKE-ST.—NICELY FURNISHED rooms, first-class board; terms moderate.

336 WEST ADAMS-ST.—PERSONS WANTING board, nicely furnished rooms, private family, good table, terms reasonable, can be accommodated.

729 FULTON-ST.—ONE LARGE FURNISHED front room, hot and cold water in room, suitable for gent and wife or two gents.

WEBER HOUSE, 156 WEST LAKE-ST.—BOARDing by the day or week at reasonable rates; transient accommodated.

South Side.

43 HUBBARD-COURT—NEW BOARDING HOUSE. First-class board, with room, $4 to $5.50 per week, with use of piano; day board, $4.

751 WABASH-AV.—A NICELY FURNISHED room, unfurnished, parlor floor (9 rooms, with carpet), to gentleman and wives, with first-class table. Also, nice large room, for two gentlemen.

1200 PRAIRIE-AV.—A BEAUTIFUL BACK parlor; also, a pleasant room, with board. References exchanged.

BOARD WANTED.

BOARD—FOR LADY AND CHILD IN PRIVATE family, with parlor and bed-room or large single room, south of Twenty-second-st. and east of State; must be first-class. Address M D V, Major Block, corner LaSalle and Madison-sts.

BOARD—A RESPONSIBLE PARTY DESIRES A full suite of front rooms, with board, between Union Park and Rogers Park, on Washington-st., Warren or Park-avs. Address G. A. H., 650 West Washington-st.

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FOR SALE—LONG AND VALUABLE LEASES, 99 years at low and fixed rentals.
25x44 ft on State-st., near Randolph.
40x110 ft on Wabash-av., south of Hubbard-court.
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These are the only leases of the kind in this market, and it is quite certain that none others like them can be obtained. No reasonable during entire term, also privilege of purchase. Will be sold at low prices if taken immediately. The opportunity is one that will not again be presented. Fellow brokers will please make a note of this. J. ISAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

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75 feet on Fiftieth-st., south front, between Drexel Boulevard and Egandale-av. Will be sold much lower than ruling prices.
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First-class residence and grounds on Ellis-av. Can be bought at a sacrifice, and on easy terms.
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FOR SALE—ON EASY PAYMENTS, INDIANA-AV., house and lot, near Twenty-sixth-st., $9,000, $1,500 cash, balance very easy.
Lots near Twenty-sixth-st., $2,000; payments $500 per annum, if desired.
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FOR SALE—WEST MADISON-ST.—LOT 25 FEET fronting on West Madison-st. SNYDER & LEE, No. 14 Nixon's Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

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FOR SALE—BY S. DELAMATER, SOUTHWEST corner Clark and Madison, 100x132 at Kenwood, near the lake, with trees, splendid residence lot; 40 acres Section 24, 38, 13, a bargain; 20 acres near South Lynn, very cheap; many business men who can bring the best of references. Men without experience in the business accepted if workers. Lawyers, merchants and teachers preferred. Address W. J. HOLLAND & CO., Chicago, Ill.

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Lots in all parts of the city.
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STATE CAPITAL.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the General Assembly.

The Homestead Bill Ordered to a Third Reading in the House.

Prospect of a Material Modification of the Warehouse Law.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE CALUMET DAM.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 14.—Christian Roe and John Pfeiffer, proprietors of the mill near the Calumet dam, have sent a bill to Mr. Reynolds providing for an appropriation of $15,000 by the State to reimburse them for alleged damage caused by the removal of the dam.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Mr. Reynolds introduced a bill providing that no insurance company shall insure property for more than three-fourths its value; the policy shall be printed in plain type, and when the property is totally destroyed the Company must pay the full amount of the policy.

THE WAREHOUSE BOARD.

The members of the Board of Trade made a favorable impression on the Warehouse Committees, and it is not unlikely that some modification in the Warehouse law may be recommended to the Houses. It is not at all probable, however, that the Board will be divided, a feeling prevailing that, as a rule, Boards are cumbrous and inefficient, and that the creation of a new Board would be simply an increase of the evil. Some of the farmers, always distrusting the Board of Trade, believe the bills of the Committee are a movement to transfer the control of inspection to the Board.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERSHIPS.

There will be nothing done in the Railroad Commissioner trouble until next week. A large number of Senators will be absent to-morrow and Monday, and the Railroad Committee will not take action on the nominations until Monday. The Committee will return the names without recommendation, and leave the Senate to fight it out. The Senators are cooling down, and thinking soberly about the propriety of confirming one or two at least of the nominees. The threats of Colonel Morgan's friends have had a bad effect for him upon the Senators. His friends have been indiscreet; they have been too imprudent, too assuming; they strutted around and announced their intention of forcing him down the Governor's throat; that they controlled the Senators through the farmers, who would hold as many meetings as they wanted, and pass any number of resolutions in their interest, and that the Senate would not dare to go back upon them. The result is, that the Senators feel their independence is at stake; that if they are to be Senators they must resist impertinence, and act from the higher motives of duty becoming their exalted stations. They will be apt to do so. The Governor is making no effort to secure confirmation, but maintains a dignified neutrality.

JURIES.

The jury question is before the two Houses. The two bill recommended for passage are intended to remedy the defects in the present mode of selecting jurors, so as to secure more intelligence and respectability to try cases.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

Mr. Penfield, of Champaign, called up the Senate resolution begging Congress to appropriate public lands to Agricultural Colleges. Messrs. Quinn and Herrington denounced the "milking institution" at Champaign as a worthless luxury. Mr. Bryant defended the institution. He believed it was better the lands should be appropriated in that way than to railroad corporations. After considerable buncombe the resolution was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

THE PENITENTIARY INVESTIGATION.

The House Penitentiary Committee would not agree to the appointment of a Sub-Committee to act with a Sub-Committee of the Senate Committee, as all the members desired to take a trip to Joliet and figure in the investigation, and now the two Committees consisting of fifteen Senators and seventeen Representatives, will proceed to the Penitentiary and find out that thirty-two men cannot investigate worth a cent. Imagine a witness cross-examined thirty-two times. The Committee will leave on Tuesday.

VIADUCTS.

The bill amending the Eminent Domain law, introduced by Mr. Cullerton, provides for the condemnation of land for constructing viaducts, and for the collection of damages to abutting property. A change of venue is provided for. The bill was brought down here by ex-Alderman Walsh in the interest of his Aldermanic constituents.

MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS.

A bill was introduced authorizing towns and cities having raised money for specific purposes to change the appropriation for other purposes.

COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR.

The propriety of abolishing the office of County Assessor in Cook County will be debated on Tuesday next, when Mr. Waite's bill to that effect will come up.

THE REVISION.

The House discussed the continuance of the revision by the Judiciary Committee of the House and the Senate Revision Committee, to whom the Revision Commissioners are to report. It was so decided.

OTHER NEW BILLS.

Senator Dow introduced a bill, sent him from Chicago, to abolish the present Board of Health, and establish a County Board of six members, with the Mayor *ex officio*; appointments to be made by the Judges, which Mr. Dow must not regard as a judicial proceeding, and will oppose. The amount of salary is left blank. Also, a bill providing for the publication, by E. B. Myers, of the back volumes of the Supreme Court reports. It is understood that Myers will publish an edition of three hundred volumes of each report at $3.50 each. Mr. Waite introduced a bill providing that when any deed or instrument is lost or destroyed, it shall be lawful to introduce in evidence any chain of title or abstract of title of the land, or any part thereof made in the ordinary course of business prior to such destruction, or any chain or abstract made since such destruction, as far as the same shall be proved to have been taken or made from books made from said records in the ordinary course of business before the destruction of such records.

PENITENTIARY COMMISSION.

Senator Kehoe offered a resolution to abolish the Penitentiary Commission, and instructed the Judiciary Committee to provide some other means of governing the institution. The gentleman is a little inconsistent, as he opposes the abolition of the Police Board in Chicago.

HOMESTEAD BILL.

The House ordered the Homestead bill to a third reading, after a long debate, with an amendment to the bill, as reported from the Committee. It was not materially changed. A homestead valued at $1,000 cash, $100 wearing apparel, sewing machine, furniture, tools, implements, or material or stock necessary to carry on business, the total amounting to about one-half that allowed in the present law, being exempt from execution. The bill returns nearly to the basis of the law of 1861.

THE JURY LAW.

The House coincided with its Judiciary Committee in thinking that neither three-fourths or five-sixths of a jury should return a verdict in civil cases, and the bills providing for the innovation were tabled.

MAYOR MEDILL'S CURATIVE BILL

was read a second time, and, pending its discussion, the House adjourned.

TIME WASTED.

When the House proposed to adjourn from noon until the morning, Speaker Cullom reminded members it was time they had afternoon sessions, and try to accomplish something in the way of legislation. The Speaker was right. Nothing has been done yet, and the afternoons have been wasted in loafing around the streets and hotels. Both House and Senate should take the Speaker's advice. He announced that he would insist in future that the House should vote upon applications for leave of absence, except in case of sickness.

AN AFTERNOON SESSION

was held, and some business done, though there was not much more than a quorum present. Many will run away to-night, and the farce of pretending to hold sessions with empty benches will be performed to-morrow and Monday.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 14, 1873.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.

Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. The President appointed Senators Ferrel and Donahue as members, from the Senate, of the Joint Select Committee to visit Shawneetown.

THE LINCOLN RELICS.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. REYNOLDS, reconsidered the vote by which it concurred in the House resolution to purchase Lincoln's surveying instruments, and amended the resolution by providing that not more than $100 should be paid for such instruments. The resolution, as amended, was concurred in.

The Railroad Committee was authorized to employ a clerk.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Railroad Committee asked leave to print a joint resolution asking Congress to pass a law regulating freight tariff between the States. So ordered.

The Revenue Committee reported back bill 113, amending the Revenue law. Concurred in.

A resolution, presented by Senator Henry, as from the Penitentiary Committee, to investigate the affairs of the State Penitentiary, was considered, and after considerable debate amended by leaving the investigation in the hands of the Committee on Penal Institutions. As amended, the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Counties and Township Organization reported back bill 96, to revise the law relating to township organization, with the recommendation that it lie on the table. Concurred in.

NEW BILLS.

The following bills were introduced and ordered to a first reading:

By Senator McGRATH—Amending the act in relation to eminent domain.

By Senator CUMMINGS—Concerning conveyances.

By Senator WARE—To amend the Practice act.

By Senator WAITE—To amend an act in relation to the destruction of records by fire.

By Senator MURPHY—Esquiring County Boards to provide safes for public records.

By Senator BURKE—In relation to contracts under seal.

By Senator DOW—Providing for Boards of Health in counties having 100,000 inhabitants. Ordered printed and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Senator PALMER—To repeal the Registry law, except in towns of 10,000 inhabitants.

By the same—Compelling railroads to build and keep in repair railroad crossings; also, concerning judgments in certain cases of attachments.

By Senator REYNOLDS—A bill for an act for the relief of Christian Pfeiffer and John Roll; also, relating to liabilities of fire insurance companies doing business in Illinois, and providing them a form of policy.

By Senator DOW—For an act to provide for the republication of Illinois reports, now out of print; also, in relation to Master in Chancery fees.

By Senator STEELE—Regulating the practice of medicine in this State; also, to amend Chapter 20, revised statutes, in relation to costs.

Leave of absence was granted Senator Hundley, on account of sickness.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Several bills were read a second time and ordered printed.

By consent, Senator KEHOE introduced a resolution providing for the abolition of the Board of Penitentiary Commissioners. Laid over.

Senator BROWN, by leave, introduced a bill providing for an appropriation to the Institution for Feeble-Minded Children.

Senator BURKE introduced a resolution asking of the Superintendent of Public Instruction information as to the number of Normal graduates engaged in teaching public schools.

After considerable discussion, Senator Burke's resolution was referred to the Committee on Education.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED.

The SPEAKER appointed Messrs. Swan, Rogers, and Hollenback, on part of the House, to visit Shawneetown.

NEW BILLS.

Mr. SWAN introduced a bill in relation to the boundary lines of counties.

By Mr. OAKWOOD—For an act authorizing cities having raised money for a certain purpose to divert it to other purposes.

By Mr. CULLERTON—In reference to eminent domain.

The Senate resolution in relation to the Agricultural College "land scrip" was referred to the Committee on Agriculture—yeas, 66; nays, 45.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. HAY, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a substitute for various bills concerning jurors, which was ordered printed; also, reported back House bill 120, in relation to the adoption of minors, with the recommendation that it do pass—ordered printed; also, House bill 58, in relation to procedure in jury trials, with the recommendation that it do not pass—concurred in; also, House bill 116, in relation to juries, providing that three-fourths may render a verdict—the same recommendation.

Mr. JOHNSTON moved that the bill be ordered to a second reading. So ordered.

Also, Bill 166, on the same subject, providing that five-sixths may render a verdict. Ordered to a second reading.

Also, reported on a resolution that had been referred to the Committee, in relation to proceedings for the revision of the statutes, with the recommendation that the work be continued. The report of the Committee was adopted.

THE REVISION.

Mr. ANDERSON introduced a resolution regulating the manner in which the work of revision shall proceed. Adopted.

EXEMPTION BILL.

The House resumed the consideration of the Exemption bill and amendments pending.

Mr. SWAN, to strike out the cash allowance of $100, striking out sections exempting tools and implements in trades or business, implements or library of professional men, and stock in trade.

After considerable discussion the amendments were laid upon the table.

Mr. BRADWELL offered an amendment striking out the homestead exemption of $1,000 and inserting $15,000. Laid on the table.

Mr. POLLACK offered a substitute for the thirteenth section, increasing the personal property list. Laid on the table.

Mr. HAY offered an amendment to Section 6, providing that the proceeds of the sale of homesteads to the extent of $1,000 shall be exempt when reinvested. Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Mr. OBERLY, by consent, offered a resolution requesting a conference of the Senate and House Committees on the Judiciary Department in relation to establishing District Courts, and to consider the subject of dividing the State into Judicial Circuits. Adopted.

House Bill No. 19 was read a second time. Adjourned.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—CATTLE—To-day, including 30 cars reported to arrive, 1,931 head, making 8,536 for the week, against 572 cars last week. Market dull and slow at yesterday's prices; few buyers in attendance. About 850 head were disposed of. Sales: 183 Illinois steers, 1,217 to 1,555 lbs, at $5.37½@6.25; 20 Illinois cows and heifers, 985 lbs, at $3.50; 197 Iowa steers, 1,151 to 1,154 lbs, at $5.25@5.62½; 18 Michigan steers, 1,016 lbs, at $4.50; 21 Michigan stockers, 900 lbs, at $4.50; 38 Ohio steers, 1,022 to 1,012 lbs, at $4.25@4.62½; 49 Cherokee steers, 1,078 lbs, at $4.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts to-day, 1,600 head, making the total supply for the week 14,000 head, against 26,400 head last week. Market fairly active as yesterday's prices. Canada sheep and lambs, $6.25; Western sheep, $4.50@5.25, with choice lots at higher figures. Holders and buyers conceal prices to-day. The only sales made public were 66 Canada sheep and lambs, 112 lbs, at $6.25; 176 Ohio sheep, 84 lbs, at $5.00.

HOGS—To-day, 5,300 head, making 21,400 head for the week, against 21,900 head last week. Market quiet, no sales to record, and no stock offering. Sales yesterday afternoon: 1,100 Ohio pigs and hogs, 135 to 210 lbs, at $4.85@5.00. Desirable hogs for butchers' use or packers' purposes would readily command $5.25.

Comparative Cotton Statement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The following is the cotton statement for the week ending to-day:

	Bales.
Net receipts at all United States ports during the week	126,938
Same week last year	89,051
Total receipts to date	2,693,591
Last year	2,117,808
Exports for the week	136,734
Same week last year	66,963
Total exports to date	1,405,108
Last year	1,187,292
Stock at all United States ports	518,530
Last year	601,624
Stock at all interior towns except Augusta	75,261
Last year	87,946
At Liverpool	449,000
Last year	535,000
American afloat for Great Britain	314,000
Last year	205,000

Obituary.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—European advices mention the death of Gustav Richter, the eminent portrait-painter, at Paris, Friday, on the 22d of January.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 14.—John P. Robbins, one of our oldest, wealthiest, and most prominent citizens, died at his residence here, to-day, aged 79 years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—George A. Clark, the well-known cotton thread manufacturer of Newark, N. J., died suddenly, yesterday, of heart disease. His estate is valued at $3,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Manuel M. Noah, of San Francisco, for some years a leading journalist on the Pacific Coast, died here suddenly to-day, aged 45.

Telegraph Brevities.

Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador to London, is ill.

The wholesale liquor-dealers and brewers of Detroit are moving to procure, if possible, a repeal of the Prohibition law.

THE GALLOWS.

Execution of John Gaffney for the Murder of Patrick Fahey.

History of the Murderer---His Crime and Confession.

Another Warning Against Unlimited Use of Whiskey.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BUFFALO, Feb. 14.—The execution of John Gaffney for the murder of Patrick Fahey took place at noon, to-day, in the yard of the Erie County Jail. His case, from beginning to end has been of unusual interest, and for the last ten days had caused intense excitement in this community. Many causes combined to attract the attention of the public to his several trials; the laws were searched through and through for means of escape; desperate efforts were made by his counsel and friends to secure his acquittal, and, failing in that, to procure a commutation of his sentence. His strategy in counterfeiting insanity prolonged for a week his worthless life and postponed the day of execution until to-day. Gaffney, who is said to have been the son of a prostitute, was born and cradled in the slums of a populous city. When 8 years old, he became an orphan, and was employed to do errands by thieves. Associated with the outcasts of society, he was familiar with vice in its lowest depths from infancy. He had a keen, shrewd, natural wit, that not only helped him satisfy his hungry appetite and furnish the scanty clothing which covered his nakedness, but gave him opportunities to push his fortunes among his associates. His record shows that once he wandered into a Sunday-school and obtained a glimpse of a better life, but the light did not penetrate and enlighten his darkened mind. Thence onward, however, the spirit within him was not quite content to remain in the gross ignorance in which it had been fostered, and he began to learn to read and write at one of the public schools. A constant warfare for bread and clothing, however, caused him to enter the forecastle of a ship; leaving this, he took charge of a saloon. Married to a prostitute at 17, attaining manhood he owned a saloon in the "infected district," and subsequently became proprietor of a concert saloon further up town. On two occasions he endangered his own life to save the lives of others—once in rescuing a drowning woman from the rapids above Niagara Falls, and again at Fort Erie, jumping into the water and bringing out a girl who had attempted to commit suicide. Shrewd, crafty, fawning, and fair-reaching, he became a man of mighty influence among blacklegs, thieves, prostitutes, and their followers; his brain planned, and they executed his skilfully concerted villainies. He was born in 1845; was 5 feet 9 inches in height, and weighed about 130 pounds. He had coal-black hair and whiskers, which contrasted strikingly with a remarkably white skin. His eyes were hazel, clear and bright, but they occasionally had a very wicked expression lurking in their depths. During the trial he wore a mustache, and dressed himself with great care, but after conviction he became negligent, and allowed his beard to grow.

The scene of the tragedy in which Gaffney and Fahey were participants was a saloon located in the lower part of the city, in a quarter known as the "Western Reserve," a locality which is the rendezvous of persons of all classes, who rob and fleece strangers and sailors whenever they have an opportunity. The crime was committed on the 7th of May last. Gaffney and several friends had been "making a night of it," and, between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, in company with a man named McQuinney, went into Sweeney's saloon, on Canal street, near Evans. Finding more friends, a game of poker was commenced and continued until, as Gaffney avers, he had lost his "last cent." Just before his last bet, Patrick Fahey walked into the room and seated himself near the players. Angry words passed between Gaffney and Fahey, and the latter suddenly rose to his feet as if to strike his antagonist. Upon this Gaffney drew a revolver and fired, the ball striking the wall on the opposite side of the apartment. Fahey ran to the door, which divided the room into two portions, and, passing through the door, disappeared from the view of the party inside. Gaffney followed. Within two minutes more, six shots were fired in rapid succession, bringing the tipsy revellers into the street to find Gaffney with the revolver in his hand, and Fahey lying face downward in the gutter at the intersection of the streets. The victim was picked up and carried into the saloon by the police, and died in five minutes. Great difficulty was experienced by the officers in discovering the perpetrator of the deed, but the examination of several persons created such suspicion resulted in the disclosure that John Gaffney was the murderer. Although he had been indicted several times for infractions of the law, no weighty charge had ever been sustained against him, and his victim was a man whom society could well spare, as his reputation was not of the best.

The murderer was indicted at the May term of the Court of Sessions, but the case being out of the jurisdiction of that Court, it was sent to the Court of Oyer and Terminer on the 30th of June for trial at the September term. His trial commenced on the 29th of July, he having been rebuticed by the Grand Jury, and arraigned and pleaded not guilty on the 28th. The defence endeavored to establish that a "dark whiskered man," with whom it was alleged Fahey had had a difficulty on the evening previous to his encounter with Gaffney, did the shooting, witnesses testifying that they saw him run away at the time the shots were fired. The jury, however, after remaining out all night, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree, and on the following day Gaffney was sentenced to be hanged on the 27th of September. A mill of exceptions was prepared by counsel, and affidavits obtained, signed by jurymen, who admitted that while deliberating they had read copies of the *Express* and *Courier* containing the evidence given on the last day of the trial. While a motion for a new trial was pending, Governor Hoffman, upon the recommendation of the Judges, granted a respite of three weeks. The motion for a new trial was overruled, and the counsel went before the Supreme Court to get a stay of proceedings, in order to carry the case to the Court of Appeals. They were successful, the order of the Court being issued on the 26th, but only granting a respite. On the 26th of November, the case was argued before the Court of Appeals, and a new trial was denied. On the 14th of December, the District Attorney moved that the Court fix the time of execution, and Friday, Feb. 7, was designated. Justice Clinton admonished Gaffney at the time to give up all hope, and prepare for death, which certainly awaited him. His friends, however, were very industrious, petitions were circulated in the city praying the Governor to commute the sentence to imprisonment for life. Jurymen, members of the Common Council, of the Board of Supervisors, and many influential citizens signed them. The Governor, however, could find "no justification for defeating the execution of the law by the interposition of executive authority," and refused to mitigate the punishment a particle.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, your correspondent was allowed to have a short interview with Gaffney, and arranged for another on the Monday following. On that day, Gaffney acknowledged that he was guilty, and gave the details of the shooting. He was very quiet, and remained so until after dinner on Monday, when Fr. Cleary, his brother-in-law, Barney Fossett, approached the door of his cell, and said, "Gaffney, you're insane; do you understand? Gaffney, you're a crazy man." Gaffney "understood" him. After sleeping four hours, he awoke, and refused to recognize his keepers, swore at everybody, and behaved in a most singular manner. Before morning he tore the crucifix from his bosom and threw it into the corridor. Sheriff Cleveland became alarmed at the symptoms of insanity(?), and summoned a council of physicians. They consulted, but were unable to come to a conclusion, and advised the Sheriff to telegraph for a two weeks' respite to enable Dr. Gray, of Ithica, and other experts, to examine the case. Governor Dix refused to grant the extension asked, and the Sheriff called in "a jury of inquisition." The medical gentlemen refused to commit themselves, and the Governor was again appealed to. He granted a week. On Sunday Drs. Gray and Vanderpool arrived and subjected Gaffney to a full and searching examination, and on Monday repeated their visit, telegraphing in the evening that they considered him sane. The "inquisition" met on Tuesday morning, and Gaffney was placed before them. The physicians detailed their views of his case, and the jury pronounced him to be of sound mind.

The result was sufficient to satisfy the law-abiding citizens of Buffalo that he was to be hung, and they breathed more freely. Gaffney, himself, had regarded his death by hanging as an improbable event.

On Tuesday morning the carpenters began the erection of the scaffold, and in the afternoon covered the yard with canvas to prevent persons outside from witnessing the execution. No one was admitted to the condemned cell except his wife and children and his spiritual adviser.

The gallows was very plain, but substantial. It was used for the execution of Kierchnee and Carrington in 1866, and for the execution of Patrick Morrissey, the matricide, in September last, since which time it has been kept where it could be arranged for its next occupant at short notice. The cross-bar was thirteen feet from the ground, allowing a drop of six feet. The platform aside from the trap was about six feet square. The trap was sprung by the pulling of a lever, which drew out a small bolt and allowed it to fall against the rear of the structure, where it was caught and held by springs.

On Thursday night Gaffney laid down several times, but could get no sleep. He talked with the guard, John Spaulding, and expressed contrition for the crime. He blamed his friends for his present condition, and said he wished he could die that night, and escape suffering on the scaffold. At 7 on Friday morning Father Malloy visited him, remaining a short time. Gaffney breakfasted on poached eggs, toast, and a bowl of coffee. After 8 his wife, two children, two sisters, and two brothers came, remaining until 10. Parting with his wife, he embraced her, and said; "Good-bye, Lizzie; I hope we will meet in heaven." Rev. Fathers Malloy, Lanigan, and Nash, spiritual advisers, came in immediately after Gaffney was removed to the debtor's room in the second story, where the reverend gentlemen administered the last rites of the Romish Church.

The streets surrounding the jail were filled with a curious crowd. A passage was made with extreme difficulty. Captain Wolfe and thirty policemen kept order in the vicinity. At 11:25 persons having tickets to the execution marched into the jail yard from the Sheriff's office. After partaking of Sacrament Gaffney was robed for death by Detective Jacob Emerick. At a quarter to 12 the procession marched into the jail yard in the following order: Sheriff Cleveland and ex-Deputy Hurlbut; Under Sheriff Smith and Jailor Harris; Deputy Powell, Gaffney, Detective Emerick, Sergeant Fell, Rev. Fathers Malloy, Lanigan, and Nash. Gaffney was supported by Deputy Sheriff N. B. Powell and Detective Jacob Emerick. The priests repeated prayers as the procession marched to the scaffold. Reaching it all ascended, Gaffney stood in front, Powell and Emerick on either side, and Sergeant Fell behind, with priests in the rear. Under Sheriff Smith stood on the top stair and read the death warrant, after which Gaffney repeated a prayer dictated by Father Malloy. He then wished to speak to the assemblage. The priests objected. Gaffney said, "Please let me speak. I want to tell the gentlemen the truth." The priests again objected; but Gaffney was not dismayed.

At three minutes to 12 he ceased speaking. The black cap was drawn over his eyes, and his arms were pinioned by Emerick, Powell, and Fell. He shook hands with the three, and said "Good-bye" to Powell. He then said, "Good-bye, Jake. What you said last spring comes true. Will you forgive me?" In April Gaffney drew a pistol on Emerick in a saloon on Main street. Emerick said at the time: "Gaffney, I will have to put a rope around your neck yet." Emerick said: "Johnnie, I forgive you."

At two minutes to 12 Emerick stepped off the trap and gave the signal. The Sheriff pushed a lever and the body fell. There were some convulsive movements. His neck was not broken. Eleven minutes after the pulse ceased to beat, and the doctors pronounced the man dead, in twenty-three minutes. The body was cut down in half an hour and removed to his home on Terrace street.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

IOWA.

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SENATE.

DES MOINES, Feb. 14.—In the Senate to-day Senator Campbell offered a joint resolution that, whereas, Chapter 61, acts of the Tenth General Assembly, allows a certain claim to be paid by the Adjutant General to officers and soldiers of Iowa, but does not allow such funds to be paid to widows or children of such soldiers, and whereas such funds be paid, on the decease of such officers or soldiers, to the widow, children, or heirs-at-law. Passed.

Senator Lowry offered a concurrent resolution that this Assembly adjourn *sine die* on Wednesday next, at 12 m. Consideration postponed to Monday.

House file 80, Chapter 41, acts of the Fourteenth General Assembly, relating to the platting of subdivisions of lands and lots, so as to allow Assessors to continue their assessments without first procuring plats, was passed.

House joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint a Commission to examine and report upon the expediency of legislation required for the removal of the dams in the DesMoines River, so as to prevent any obstruction to navigation, was adopted.

The consideration of Title II, relating to processes in Courts of original jurisdiction, was resumed. No important amendments were made, and the bill passed.

Senator Burke, from the Committee of Investigation relative to a certain article published in the *Daily Republican*, reported that G. W. Edwards, one of the editors of said paper, a witness before them, had refused to answer certain questions propounded to him by the Committee. He had answered that he did not know who wrote the article in question, but did know who handed the same to him, and refused to give the name of the person, upon a reason for such refusal, that he did not think the Committee or the Legislature had a right to demand an answer to the question.

Senator Russell offered a resolution that G. W. Edwards is adjudged guilty of contempt, and that he be ordered into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and brought before the bar of the Senate to be dealt with according to law.

Senator McNutt, a member of the Committee, offered, as a substitute, that Edwards should be brought to the bar of the Senate and interrogated regarding the direct or implied charges contained in the alleged libellous article.

A warm discussion followed, and Senator Richardson moved to table the whole subject. Lost—yeas, 9; nays, 33.

McNutt's substitute was lost—yeas, 14; nays, 30; and Russell's resolution adopted—yeas, 35; nays, 9.

The witness was then brought to the bar of the Senate, and the question asked by the Committee was again propounded.

The witness asked that his answers made to other questions before the Committee be first read.

The President said he must answer, and his request could not be granted.

Senator Beardsley moved that the witness be allowed to make a statement. Ruled out of order.

The witness then declined answering the question at this time and, without the privilege of making an explanation.

Senator McCoid offered a resolution that the witness be ordered confined in the County Jail of Polk County till he answers the question propounded to him by the Committee, or until further action of the Senate.

Another exciting discussion followed.

Senator Reed offered, as a substitute for the resolution, that the testimony given before the Committee by the prisoner at the bar be read, and that he be permitted to make a statement.

The discussion continued, when Senator McIntyre moved to postpone consideration till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, the witness to be paroled till that time. Adopted, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

This morning the House went into Committee of the Whole on the chapter relating to the Agricultural College.

Mr. Davis offered an amendment restricting the salary of the President to $3,000, and fixing the maximum amount to be paid Professors at $1,800. After much discussion it was adopted; also, an amendment giving three applicants from each county prior right of admission to the College.

The Committee on Education presented a report embodying the present laws on common schools, as a substitute for the bill now in charge of the Commissioners on the same subject. Adopted.

The afternoon was spent in Committee of the Whole on the School bill, which was considered by sections. Among the amendments was one in section giving pay to teachers while attending the Institute. This was stricken out; also the section compelling the County Superintendent to visit schools, leaving the same for action of the Boards of Supervisors. The compensation of the Superintendent was fixed at $3 per day.

A Constitutional amendment was made that the President of the School Board shall be elected by the people.

The Committee rose, and the House adjourned.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—An animated discussion occurred to-day, in the Lower House of the Legislature, on the majority report of the Senatorial Investigating Committee, submitted yesterday by Mr. Headlee. Mr. Bell, one of the Committee, supported the minority report, and claimed that not a breath of suspicion attached to either Bogy, Black, or Phelps.

Mr. Kennatt, as a friend of Colonel Bogy, would not sustain the majority report. He was unwilling that Colonel Bogy should go to Washington with the least suspicion resting upon his head, and he was not satisfied with the investigation, and, in justice to Mr. Bogy, the Committee should reopen the matter.

Mr. Peers offered a resolution to recommit the majority report to the Committee, with instructions to ascertain whether there is any evidence to show that Colonel Bogy used money or any other improper influence to accomplish his election, and whether any member of the Legislature is guilty of having been influenced by money, or otherwise improperly, in the Senatorial contest, and to report on the 30th inst.

Mr. Peers said he desired that the evidence should bear directly upon Mr. Bogy's acts in the Senatorial contest, and the examination confined to that point. He did not desire Colonel Bogy put on trial.

This resolution was finally amended to provide for printing both the majority and minority reports, and that further discussion of the matter be postponed until Wednesday next.

A petition from the Woman Suffrage Association of Missouri, asking for the right of franchise, and that all unequal laws regarding the persons and property of women may be repealed, was presented in the House, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

MICHIGAN.

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LANSING, Feb. 14.—Land Commissioner Clapp today transmitted to the Senate a statement of the quantity of Government and swamp lands in different counties of Michigan held by each of the various railroads in the State.

The Senate Committee on the joint resolution confirming to the Chicago & Northwestern Company lands hitherto granted, but title to which had been supposed to lapse because of a slight technical non-compliance with the conditions of the grant, reported that, in their opinion, the title had not lapsed, but as Land Commissioner Edmunds had entered 4,000 or 5,000 acres of this so-called forfeited land a few hours before he retired from office, they leave this question to the Courts.

Speaker Croswell appointed Representatives Buell, Levi, Walker, and Eggleston, a Committee to report on the right of the Legislature to repeal the law of 1871, exempting railroad lands from taxation.

Both Houses adopted resolutions congratulating Spain.

Adjourned until Monday evening.

KANSAS.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—C. A. Barahaucker testified yesterday before the Pomeroy Investigation Committee at Topeka, Kan., to the effect that Pomeroy authorized him to use money to influence the votes of Representatives Davies and Cummings, but that he (Pomeroy) furnished him with no money to pay them. He also swore that he was authorized by Judge Horton to offer Representative Bacon $2,000 to vote for Pomeroy, and that he made the offer and Bacon refused it. He testified further that he was the guest of Pomeroy at a hotel during the canvass, and, in answer to a question said he used to live at Waterloo, Iowa, where he was once convicted of the burglary of $36,000, and served two and one-half years in the penitentiary, but was afterwards pardoned by the Governor, it being discovered that he was innocent of the crime; and further, he told Judge Horton and Colonel Ennis, a few days since, that if they would loan him $50 he would leave the city, and not appear before the Committee.

ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 14.—A majority of the Election Committee of the Senate, to-day, submitted a report in the contested case from the Fourteenth District, Brown *vs.* Brooker, in favor of the latter, on the ground that he did not have sufficient notice of the contest.

The Senate passed the bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States to any lot of ground that might be selected for a Government site.

After a discussion of four days, the House, this evening, failed to pass the Civil Rights bill, which passed the Senate last week by a vote of 37 to 36. Five Republicans voted with the Democrats against the measure.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 14.—In the Senate this morning, the House bill to amend the Insurance law by repealing Section 20, which provides for a waiver by the insurance company to transfer any cause from the State to United States Courts, was passed. A bill was introduced to extend the time for completing the geological survey to such time as the Geological Board shall determine. Senate bill to amend the Homestead law so as to exempt from levy and sale on execution to the head of the family, and not the owner of a homestead, personal or real property to the value of $500 in addition to the chattel property now by law exempt, was passed.

In the House this afternoon the following bills passed: House bills to prevent lotteries of any description, and Senate bill to authorize mining companies to increase their capital stock.

A bill was introduced to make the pointing of fire-arms, whether loaded or unloaded, at any person, punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both.

In the Senate, the bill to regulate farce and freights on railroads was reported back and made the special order for next Thursday.

The Legislative Investigating Committee spent the entire day in examining persons who purchased the old Central Lunatic Asylum property. The witnesses all testified that, so far as they knew, no improper means had been used to influence legislation. The Committee are making desperate efforts to convict some one of crime, but up to this time the testimony has been very weak.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—A resolution was offered in the Senate to-day, calling upon the President of the Erie Railway to report the amounts paid as counsel fees in connection with the legislation for the repeal of the Classification act in 1872. Laid over until next Tuesday.

In the Assembly to-day, after a sharp debate, the resolutions reducing the canal tolls 50 per cent on last year's rates were adopted.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 14.—The bill to abolish the Commonwealth tax on incomes will probably pass the Legislature. A resolution to amend the Constitution, by repealing that clause which requires a person to be able to read and write before he can be eligible to vote, having been debated in the House, was refused a third reading—56 yeas to 130 nays. This settles the matter for the present session.

NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, Feb. 14.—The State Capital Removal bill has been tabled in the House, by a vote of 22 to 17, and at present there is no probability of the success of the measure.

NEW YORK.

The Stokes Case---Union League---Died from Croton Oil---The Estate of Horace Greeley---Proposed Expulsion of Tweed from the State Senate.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The appraisers of Mr. Greeley's estate have been at work since yesterday, and have found that the cash value of the estate will be about $120,000. Mr. Isaiah Williams turned in two railroad bonds of $1,000 each, which he held in trust. He owes the estate nothing, but Mr. Sinclair owes it $8,000, which he is unable to pay. The bad debts amount to fully $100,000, of which $50,000 was given to Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. The only offset to this is $10,000 presented to the Misses Greeley to-day by Commodore Vanderbilt, to be equally divided between them.

Professor Jerome Russell, a prominent Italian citizen of New York, who died a few days ago, is reported by his physicians to be a victim of castor-oil capsules, which improperly contained an ingredient of croton-oil. These capsules were manufactured by Dundas, Dick & Co., and are kept by leading druggists. Mr. Minvelli took them originally for a simple cold, and was immediately attacked by burning pains and severe alarming hiccoughs. Formerly Chancellor of the Supreme Court at Palermo, but came to America during the political disturbances of 1860, he was invited to return by the present King of Italy, but declined.

Stokes' chances are considered very slender since Judge Boardman's adverse decision was announced today, but it is not true that the execution cannot now be avoided, except by action of the Governor. An application has been made to Judge Davis for a stay of proceedings, pending an appeal to the General Term of the Supreme Court, based upon exceptions taken at the trial. This motion is held under advisement. If it should be granted, and the General Term or the Court of Appeals find that any error was committed, a new trial would be allowed. Judge Boardman held, to-day, that the acts of the jurors complained of were indiscretions merely, not injuring the prisoner; that the prisoner's absence during Young's testimony did not injure him, and that his absence must be held to have occurred by consent. He holds that the absence of himself was not a proper ground of objection; that the objections to the counsel's opening were not duly excepted to, and that the proposed new testimony was merely cumulative.

It is rumored that a movement is to be made in the Senate at Albany for the expulsion of Tweed, on the ground that the recent trial proved that he is unfit to be a member. On the other hand, it is alleged that there are so many Senators under pecuniary obligation to Tweed that they will not dare to touch him.

The last report about Phelps, Dodge & Co., is that Secretary Boutwell refuses to compromise for less than half a million.

TRACK, OR NO TRACK.

The War Between the City Authorities and the Chicago, Danville and Vincennes Railroad Company---All Quiet at the Front at Last Accounts.

The attempt made by the Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad Company to lay tracks on certain streets necessary to be crossed by their tracks to certain property owned by them, has already created great excitement. The Company even in Foreign parts, have not obtained permission from the Council to lay tracks on any streets. Without troubling themselves about such a permission, however, they proceeded to lay down their track some months ago. The Board of Public Works promptly proceeded to tear up the portion of it laid on the public streets. The Company repeated the operation for few weeks ago, and the city again asserted its prerogative, and tore them up. Once again the track was laid, and the city decided to tear it up as before. Meanwhile Mr. Woodbridge, attorney for the road, applied to Judge Williams for an injunction restraining the city from disturbing the track. The injunction was granted, and served just in time to find the city already master of the situation, the track having been removed. Mr. Tuley, Corporation Counsel, as soon as he heard it, appealed to Judge Farw